

# ANNUAL REUNION A GREAT SUCCESS!!

The votes are in, the votes are tallied and the results are ....... SUCCESS!!

The majority of alumni interviewed like the new format of the reunion, mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by refreshments and appetizers highlighted by our 'high skills' culinary students under the tutelage of chef and teacher, Diane Nehmetallah. Afterwards, Alumni gathered for their class picture and supplied us with great cheers for all to hear.

Thanks to all the staff and students at Assumption who helped with the set-up and execution of all aspects of the reunion. Special thanks to the following:

The **Welcoming Committee** of Anna Sisti, Doris Lescanec and Pauline Kenney, who immensely enjoyed greeting you and 'catching up on news' with you as they do each year.

Refreshment tickets - Laurie Browning and Pauline Kenney.

Diane Nehmetallah and the students of the **Culinary Arts Program and staff of St. Basil's Grill**, who prepared, served and cleaned up after serving the appetizers. Everyone commented on how professional they were.

**Photos** – Mike Duchene ('76), Peter Scarpelli ('61) and Rick Dumouchelle ('74) for getting you to smile for that group picture.

For your own copy of any picture taken at the reunion, please check the alumni website at www.achalumni.ca.

**Decorations,** Posters, Pictures, Plants, etc. etc., - Linda Presello, ('81) and her assistants, Lil Dumouchelle ('75)

Denise Hebert ('81), our **Libations Engineer** who took care of every detail for the bar.

Denis Malette who helped get the newsletter out in time and also helped during the evening to **close up and secure** the building.

Eugene Klymko for his continued support in all aspects of the reunion **planning** and execution.

Come on out for the next reunion, Sat., Nov. 6th, 2010. GO RAIDERS!!!!!



Mission money collected at Assumption is hard at work helping the children of Peru.



Anna Iatonna,LeeAnn Schoenberger '79, Peter Scarpelli '61, Madeline LaCivita '79, Linda Pallisco '79, Lil Dumouchelle '75

**Remember this Cheer?** Purple and White, Purple and White Assumption College, shout and fight. Razzem, Tazzem, sisboomba AC, AC, Rah, Rah, Rah Ruff'em, tuff'em Never take a bluff, C......

# Contributions Received January to December 2009

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 calendar year 2009. Thank you for your contribution.

Alessi, Jos. S. Bellis, Dr. John Birch, Cecil M. Birch, Michael A. Britton, Robert Canil, Dr Kathryn Anne Cicchini, Julius Daoust, Mark Duchene, Mike Dumouchelle, Liliana Dumouchelle, Richard Dupont, Frank Finnegan, Gerald Fisher, Richard Joseph Hool, Hunt Hool, Jack Hubbard, Bert Hucker, Patrick C. Sr. Jewell, Greg Jolie, J Ernest Kenney, Tessy Laethem, Paul C. Le Page, Clare Lori, Elio P. Malette, Denis Masterson, Kevin

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# We wish to acknowledge other individuals who have contributed to

# the Alumni Association this past year.

Adams, Robert D Armaly, James Broughton, Sean Allen Caira, Pietro Ciavaglia, Sabatino Colja, Maryann Cundari, Joseph DuPerron, David Fathers, Mark Goode, James Roy Hannan, John L. Iggulden, Donald "IGGY" Kabel, Richard H. Ladouceur, Richard Matz, Joe Reaume, Lawrence J. & Family Reynolds, Philip Solosy, John Kalman Souliere, Ray Stephens, Wilbert Stokes, Louis J. Sr. & Grace

# EACH DONATION LARGE OR SMALL IS VERY MUCH NEEDED AND APPRECIATED.

## 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.

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# THE GREATEST OF THESE IS CHARITY

In this economy, everyone is very careful how they spend their hard earned money. Once all the bills have been paid, it is a difficult decision which special project to support since there are so many. Everyone has their favourite for one reason or another. We hope that you consider the following:

Assumption College Catholic High School Foundation – This is the foundation that was founded by the Basilian Fathers and their friends that awards scholarships and bursaries for post-secondary education to Assumption graduates every June at the Graduation ceremonies. Many alumni members have continuously contributed to this to ensure that the memory of their loved one is honoured each year. To donate to this charitable Foundation, cheques may be made payable to "The Assumption College High School Foundation" and mailed to: Assumption High School, 1100 HuronChurch Rd. Windsor, Ont., N9C 2K7. Tax receipts will be provided.

Assumption College High Alumni Association – This is your alumni association whose volunteer members continue the work started by Fr. Matt Sheedy, C.S.B. and Fr. Ron Cullen, C.S.B.. We have been dependent on Alumni and friends to support our efforts for many years. Contributions made to this association are **not** tax deductible and are strictly a contribution to continue the newsletter, website, golf tournament, annual reunions, etc.. To contribute to this association, cheques may be made payable to "Assumption College High Alumni Association" and mailed to: Assumption High School, 1100 HuronChurch Rd. Windsor, Ont., N9C 2K7.

**Assumption Heritage Trust National Foundation** – This is the recently formed foundation that is fundraising for the restoration of Our Lady of Assumption Church in Windsor, Ontario. To learn more about this, please read the letter to the right by Fr. Joseph Redican, past principal of Assumption College High School, 1988-1994.



James Haggarty '83, Rocco Tullio '83 and Jerry Morse '74



From the Assumption Heritage Trust National Foundation

Dear Friends and colleagues:

The parish of Our Lady of the Assumption is the mother parish of Assumption College School and the oldest parish in Canada west of Montreal. It is undertaking an historic campaign to rebuild and re-invent itself as a centre for the Church in Windsor and it needs our support.

Several years ago assessments determined that the structural soundness of Assumption Church had deteriorated and that extensive retrofitting was needed to enable it to serve the community for the next 100 years. With the support of the diocese of London and the Basilian Fathers an ambitious campaign has been launched to raise \$9.6 million to support this project.

As the last Basilian principal of Assumption College School I have been asked to serve as the honorary chair of the Assumption College School alumni appeal and I am asking for your support.

You will be pleased to know that alums Rocco Tullio, class of '83 and Dr. Joe Palazeti, class of '72 have agreed to Chair the Windsor/Detroit initiative. Jamie Haggarty, class of '83 and Jerry Morse, class of '74 have agreed to Chair the national effort.

We want to make sure that everyone connected with Assumption has an opportunity to support this very worthwhile endeavour. You can make your interest known by contacting me at info@ahtmail.org.

Our website is <u>www.assumptionheritagetrust.org</u>.

We hope to be able to speak with many of you personally as the campaign progresses.

Sincerely,

Fr. Joe Redican, CSB Principal 1988-1994



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# William Chisholm '50

William "Bill" Chisholm was playing golf at a course near Scottsdale, Arizona, a few years ago with some friends. After hitting a very good shot, one of the other players mentioned that a friend of his always says hitting a good shot is a lot like hitting a homerun in baseball. Bill insisted on knowing who made that statement. The friend said, "Reno Bertoia". Bill laughed at what a small world it can be sometimes, especially since he and Bertoia went to Assumption High School together and are still friends today.

Bill spends his winters in Arizona since retiring from Rose City Ford after 28 years. The business is now in the hands of his son, John. Bill actually started working on the line at Chrysler after high school in 1954. This was one of several jobs that he worked. He applied for a data processing position. He was a successful applicant, and Chrysler sent him to school at IBM in Detroit. Not having a car, Bill took the tunnel bus each day. Bill was married with two children at this time. After a year of schooling, Bill returned to an office in Windsor. After 4 or 5 years, he became a manager. In 1964, Bill designed a new computer system. His success spread into sales, marketing, distribution, and research. Chrysler sent Bill to manage operations in Alberta, then British Columbia, before returning him to Windsor as the National Service Manager.

In 1973, Bill left Chrysler, opening a Dodge dealership at the corner of Walker and Tecumseh Rd. After 2 years, Bill separated from his partner, and opened his own dealership in Kitchener.

In June 1981, Bill returned home to Windsor, buying Dingwall Ford. Ford had recruited Bill at the dismay of Chrysler. Bill's son, John, officially took over the business in 1994. Renaming the dealership, Rose City Ford, he has built it up to what it is today, one of Canada's top selling dealerships. On the day of this interview, Bill was filling in for the vacant service manager position, until the new one started the next day. Then he was heading back to Arizona for the winter.

Bill believes Ford is in pretty good shape compared to the other manufacturers. He likes the product line that Ford has now and new models expected soon. He does admit that Ford has made some mistakes along the way, such as renaming all their models starting with the lett "F", such as Freestar, Five-hundred, Focus, etc. This eliminated the Taurus which was always their best seller. The Taurus is returning. Poor strategy. "The industry will never be the same as it once was - there are more players now", Bill claims. Speaking of playing, it's back to the golf course or playing with his grandchildren that makes Bill happy.

Bill's days at Assumption were "great". He went to the high school on the old campus, Assumption College, now the University of Windsor, attending classes at Dillon Hall. Being a parishioner at Assumption Church, the first two years of tuition were paid. Bill had moved to Windsor from Nova Scotia in 1942 growing up on Girardot St. He first went to St. Francis grade school, then St. Edward's because of the boundaries. Bill served as an altar boy at church. He enjoyed boxing, back when every high school had a boxing team. In grade 11, Bill had to pay tuition, \$64.00/year, so he found a part-time job after school and weekends.

Fr. Armstrong was a standout in high school and a life long friend to Bill. He would eventually invite "Army" and Fr. Sheedy to Essex Golf and Country Club for a round and dinner for years afterwards. "Army" would collect numerous gifts from Bill to raffle off for the Missions.

Discipline was a constant. When Bill received a measure at school, he would get a second helping from his father at home, and then he would have to apologize to the Basilian priest. "Goodness, discipline, and knowledge" were equally taught, and Bill credits Assumption for his later success. "The school was very powerful in the community. It was everywhere." Bill Chisholm is a proud 1950 graduate.

## Gus Revenburg '66

Gus Revenburg was born into a large family of thirteen children, nine sisters and three brothers. Ted '60 and Tony '62 attended Assumption High School prior to Gus enrolling in 1962. The family emigrated from Holland, eventually residing on a farm in Maidstone. The Revenburgs would walk a mile to a point at Highway #3, where Fr. O'Neil, Pastor of the Woodslee parish, would pick them up in a bus and drive them to Assumption. There were additional store



to Assumption. There were additional stops for other students in the area. All of this was done in order to provide the education and experience at ACH for their kids.

Once at Assumption, Gus immediately learned the value of 'goodness, discipline, and knowledge'. I remember sitting behind Dennis Renaud in grade 9 history class with Jack Hool. My initiation was the discipline I received for talking. But it was also Jack Hool who later told me that I would be playing football. I hadn't planned on playing football. But I went out to practice after school, then would have to hitchhike home afterwards every night. When I got home, I would milk the cows and then complete my homework. Twice I walked home, not able to get a ride. It was a long haul, Assumption to Maidstone." No regrets. It taught me the right things, 'goodness, discipline, and knowledge.' All three. I would never be where I am today if I hadn't gone to that school. I didn't have a clue when I first got there. I chose to listen."

As for football, Gus became an All-City player. Jack (Hool) and Val Motruck (Massey coach) took him around to some U.S. colleges. He had 48 scholarship offers. Michigan State was very interested. Gus didn't accept any scholarships and instead chose to play AKO football. Zeno Karcz was the coach. And at 19, he went to work at Chryslers for the next three and a half years.

In 1970, he was drafted in the CFL by the Ottawa Roughriders. He tried out and made the team. Whit Tucker, Ted and Doug Collins played for Ottawa. He played for the Roughriders for three seasons at \$8,000 per year.

However, back then you needed a job as well, so he worked in sales, selling postage metres for a company named Friden making good money with them. Gus remembers driving around a building ten times to build up the courage at his first sale. He liked it, and became their top salesman. The timing was right and he worked hard. At this time he was married with three children.

He was traded to the B.C. Lions and moved his family to Vancouver. He was with the Lions for two seasons. After that, he retired from the CFL, a career of five seasons, packed up a U-haul, moved to Edmonton, and began selling used cars in 1974.

After that, Gus moved to London and sold cars for GM for five years. Then he became the manager at a GM dealership in Guelph for five years. In 1986, he applied for a GM dealership in Windsor. Now, he has two daughters, two sons-in-law, a brother and his wife, a niece and a nephew, all working at the dealership. It's about family for Gus. His parents came to Canada in 1952 with a large family, \$40 and no job. The family worked the farm, milking cows at 5:00 to 6:00 am and 5:00 - 6:00 pm every day, and worked on the farm in the summers. "I've been very fortunate. This is a people business. I inspect what I expect."

As far as the impact from the auto industry and the economy, he's lost Saturn, Pontiac, Saab, and it's uncertain about the future of Hummer, and says it was a blessing to get Chevrolet. There were some sleepless nights; not knowing what would be left with GM going into bankruptcy. Through attrition, he was able to avoid layoffs. By the end of 2009, sales were very good. This is due to GM coming out of bankruptcy, paying off the government ahead of schedule.

I would like to thank Mr. Revenburg for his time and providing an interview. It was a difficult but very interesting interview. Gus is a very proud but humble businessman. Assumption and family have helped make this man successful. Gus keeps his 1966 Assumption yearbook in his desk.

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### Dan Kane '75

"I remember my first year at Assumption High School very well. It was 1971, St. Mary's Academy had closed down and the female students were coming to a traditional boys' school. I was the fourth of eight kids of Dan Kane Sr. Assumption College '41. (Charlotte '72, Janet '74, Debbie '75, David '76, Mary '76, John '77, and Laura '81). We were a Catholic family, so there wasn't any question that we would be going to Assumption. We lived in LaSalle, and because there were



four kids there at the same time, we shared a car to get to school. My father had started the car dealership in 1970 on Goyeau St. by the tunnel.

It was fun; you knew where you stood all the time. Discipline, you knew right from day one. Family was also key to success. I was more afraid of what would happen at home if I did something wrong at school. The school would notify your parents. You ended up getting double. However, you earned respect from the teachers. They would knock you down, not physically, but be the first to help you up...definitely different today. I remember walking across the street to Mike's Holiday House. I'd be there with others, on guard, watching for a priest coming over, then sneaking out the back door. I liked Mr. Upham as a teacher. I had him for homeroom in grade 9. Fr. Sheedy later married my wife and me in Buffalo. Fr. Johnson was a good teacher. I saw Sue Walker recently and she recognized me from typing class.

After high school, I went away to Northwood Institute in Midland, Michigan. I was there taking business courses. After graduating, I started in the family business in May 1979 as a writer in the service department. Three years in used car sales as manager of buying and selling. Then I became general manager of new cars for seven years.

Dan Kane Sr. passed away in 2004. I was very reluctant to inhabit my father's office. Charlotte and David are still in the family business. My two sons, Dan and Adam, work at Dan Kane dealership. Mark "Harpo" Bortolotti '75, is my lifelong buddy and right hand man at Kane's, established at its present location since 1978. My brother John retired after 30 years.

"The car industry has started to settle down now. GM is supposedly paying off its loan from the government ahead of More players, foreign, in the game today. schedule. North America taught them to make cars, then forgot to practice what they preached. Now we're playing catch up, somewhat.

We lost the Oldsmobile brand five years ago. It's a people business though. There is a huge amount of pressure running a business, especially a family one that your father founded. Last year was a tough year. Had to lay off a few, but mainly attrition. Kane's has a lot of long-term employees, 20 plus years. Good place to work, plenty of experience. I believe this area has turned the corner, as far as the economy. Sales are up. Less fear out there. It was in the back of my mind, if Kane's would be one of the 250 dealerships closing. I had some confidence, but it was out of my hands. I will continue here; I'm not going anywhere. It's possible that family will continue to run the dealership, but it's too early to tell. Who knows what the future holds."

The interview concluded with Dan following this reporter outside to see what type of car he drives. Work, work, work!

### **THANK YOU CLASS VOLUNTEERS !!**

It really DOES make a difference when class volunteers make the effort to call and organize their fellow graduates for their special reunion. Thanks to all those volunteers for making this year's reunion such a success.

Class of 1954: Leon "Digger" Durocher, Joe Matz, Lido Sandre. Class of 1959: Hector Marinacci, John Upham. Class of 1974: Mike Morencie. Class of 1979: Janice McCarthy, Hunt Hool. Class of 1984: Lisa Stroud, Louanne White, Susan McCrindle.

#### WON'T YOU VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH YOUR REUNION FOR NOV. 6th, 2010?

Please call the alumni office at 256-7801 ext. 299, if you are interested in helping to organize your class. Don't worry!! We will help you get started. So far, the following have generously volunteered to be a class contact:

Great job, Raiders!

| 1955 | Pat McHugh   | 734-671-9013          |
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| 1960 | Vic Venegas  | 313-682-1820          |
| 1965 | PLEASE VOLUNTEER   |                       |
| 1970 | PLEASE VOLUNTEER   |                       |
| 1975 | Peter Hrastovec<br><u>peter@peterlaw.ca</u>                      | 519-966-1300 Ext. 421 |
|      |  | 519-256-2160          |
|      | Evenings<br>Frank latonna<br><u>jfsiat@sympatico.ca</u>          | 519-969-7933          |
|      | Mike Niziolek  | 519-258-0739          |
|      | Imniz@cogeco.ca<br>Dave Roberts<br>roberts@wincom.net            | 519-971-9213          |
|      | Tony Russo   | 519-253-1670          |
|      | drrusso@jet2.net<br>Lil Dumouchelle<br>lil.dumouchelle@gmail.com | 519-969-7419          |
| 1980 | PLEASE VOLUNTEER   |                       |
| 1985 | Alba & Chris Younan  | 519-967-0175          |
|      | <u>cyounan@cogeco.ca</u><br>Joe Siddall<br>jojosid@aol.com       | 519-969-8903          |
| 1990 | M.J. Meyer<br>smlngrl@cogeco.ca                                  | 519-969-9543          |

1995 PLEASE VOLUNTEER

2000 PLEASE VOLUNTEER! YOUR TIME CAPSULE WILL BE OPENED. COME AND SEE WHAT'S IN IT!!!!!!!

See you on Nov. 6th, 2010!!



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Judge Harry Momotiuk, '53

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A DROUILLARD ROAD BOY WHO MADE GOOD by Marty Gervais

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Inevitably when you speak to someone about to retire, they go on about the old days, and how much better things were. Don't expect to hear that from Judge Harry Momotiuk. He turned 75 Aug. 20, 2009 and only now is trying to

2009 and only now is trying to figure out how many boxes will be needed to empty out his office on the 7th floor of the Ontario Court of Justice Building as he heads into retirement. He has been a judge since 1976, and for 10 years before that served as an assistant crown attorney and a lawyer. But when he thinks back to his roots, and what shaped him, the Windsor-born Momotiuk is quick to tell you that it wasn't necessarily any better back when he was a boy growing up on Drouillard Road in old Ford City. It was what it was. More importantly, he added, the effect of growing up on that street in the 1940s, and traipsing from one hotel to the next, carrying a wooden shoe shine box, and shining shoes, helped form the person he would become.

It's called hard work. It's called helping out his family. It's called dedication. Momotiuk can't forget those childhood years, returning home at twilight, pockets bulging with nickels and dimes from shining shoes, and he'd dump these coins in a clatter on the kitchen table. It was for the family. Not for him. If he got anything for himself, it might be enough to buy an ice créam cone. When he reflects on those early years on Drouillard, he chuckles, and remarks, '"I am a graduate of the U of D — the University of Drouillard." Momotiuk speculates it helped prépare him for a future of hard work, something he learned never to shy away from. "I love my work," he said unabashedlý when interviewed Thursday in his office. "And I'll miss this." Momotiuk never dreamed he'd wind up practising law. It never occurred to him that he'd follow in his father's footsteps, and work for the rest of his life at the car plant. As a matter of fact, it looked as if that would happen when he landed a job in the mailroom at Chrysler. Soon he was working with 'systems and procedures' in the business office, then was assigned to dealer planning.

This is what led to Momotiuk's education, and at the end of a workday, he'd make his way across the river to take night courses in business administration at the University of Detroit. When he finished there, he went on to study law at the University of Ottawa. He was offered a job with the Crown Attorney's office in Windsor, reasoning that he might try it out, and if he didn't like it, he'd be back at the car company. "Well, I never returned," he said. His reputation as a judge? I told him I'd heard that he was a gentleman's gentleman, but tough on criminals. To this, Momotiuk cocked his head to one side and said, "Let it be what it is . . . You have to balance the accused's interest with the public's interest. I always say, 'I may have been wrong, but I was never in doubt."" He suggests the true test is whether as a judge you can sleep at night with your decisions. His feeling is that when he went to bed, it was important for him to feel that he did what he thought was 'right'. "I did my homework. It was my father's work ethic that taught me that. I never once thought I should be somewhere else. I enjoyed solving problems."

As he looks back at a long and distinguished career, including a teaching career at both the University of Windsor and St. Clair College, he says he knows he brought pride to his family in becoming a judge. However, it was sometimes a little unnerving when he'd look out across the courtroom and spot his father tucked away at the back.

"He liked coming there and watching me," Momotiuk recalled. "And one time, when I was walking out (of the courtroom), he ran up to me and said, 'You mean to tell me you believe that guy!'" So, what happened to the accused? I asked. Momotiuk smiled: "I guess I must've let him go!"



REUNION SCHEDULE Sat. Nov. 6th, 2010 **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

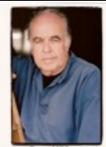
**8:30 p.m.** Class Pictures in Armstrong Gym (Starting with class of '45 & '50)

**7:45 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.** Good Fellowship in Armstrong Gym Cover Charge \$10.00 at the door

#### ASSUMPTION COLLEGE HIGH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE

President Hunt Hool '79 Vice-President Lil (Caira) Dumouchelle '75 Director Fr. J.J. Stortz, C.S.B. '43 Treasurer Mark Fathers '71 Legal Rep. Sante Salvador '66 Secretary Lois Rindlisbacher '76 Golf Committee Chairpersons Gary Ulicny '66, Hunt Hool Reunion Chairperson Lil Dumouchelle Information Committee Rick Dumouchelle '74 & Mike Duchene '76 Newsletter Committee Hunt Hool, Mike Duchene, Rick & Lil Dumouchelle, Mark Fathers, Denis Malette, Fr. Stortz, Lois Rindlisbacher, Tessy Kenney '75, Leon "Digger" Durocher '54, and M.J. (Coulter) Meyer '90

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**Sean McCann '52** – Congratulations to Sean as he has been named Ambassador to Amateur Baseball by the Toronto Blue Jays. Sean says, "This is essentially a public relation function as apposed to my role as a part time scout of the past few years. Also for the first time, I am attempting to write a play. The main character is an aging priest who is about to save his parish of St Monica's and calls an old friend to be with him. I now enjoy life one day at a time with my six granddaughters and my first

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Sean McCann

grandson. I also enjoy get-togethers with Fr. Cullen and the likes of Fillman, Carriveau, Bertoia and others make me realise how lucky I was to have attended this wonderful school. Regards, Sean"

He recently appeared at the Segal Centre in Montreal as defence lawyer Henry Drummon in Lawrence and Lee's Pulitzer Prizenominated play, Inherit the Wind.

Read his bio at IMDb (Internet Movie Database).

Bernie Hogan '43, knows he won't have as good a view of the Harlem Globetrotters as the last time he saw them live in Windsor. That came 64 years ago when Hogan and his Assumption College teammates provided the opposition for the then two-time world professional basketball champions. However, the school that later became known as the University of Windsor proved no Washington Generals. "They haven't been here for over 50 years and there's a good reason for that, we beat them two years in a row," said Hogan, who hopes to attend Sunday's game at the WFCU Centre at 2 p.m. It's their first visit since Assumption College, which then had only 200 students, stunned the Globetrotters 55-51 in overtime in 1944 and then repeated their four-point victory a year later 49-45. Both contests took place at the Kennedy Collegiate gym because Assumption's own gym couldn't handle the overflow crowds. "They were amazing ballhandlers even back then," the 84-year-old Windsor native said. "They did that fancy dribbling and passing behind the back. They were world famous and we all tried to copy their ball-handling tricks. "When they came to town there was a lot of anticipation." Hogan said the Globetrotters used many of the same tricks that became the staples of their act in the context of a competitive game. "That's why we beat them," Hogan said. "They were entertaining the crowd. We were doing all the scoring. "In the first game, they finally tied us in the last seconds of the game, but we won in overtime on some foul shots. "The crowd was standing three-four deep on the balcony at Kennedy and they went absolutely nuts. They were 100 per cent behind us the whole game. Led by coach Red Nantais, it was the start of a golden age of Windsor basketball. Along with Hogan, there were a few future local basketball legends in a group that included Gino Sovran '45, Ralton Wade, Ado Rorai, Bill Coulthard, Pete Mudry, Joe Fraver, Jack Solway and Sid Katzman. We always felt we could win anytime we walked on the court together." The Harlem teams that came into Kennedy were no slouches. They boasted three players -- William (Pops) Gates, Bob Karstens and Bernie Price -- that were later inducted into the Globetrotters' Legends Ring of the club's all-time greats. Those losses in their only Windsor appearances were two of just 109 defeats the club suffered during the period from 1941-1950. During that same time span, the Globetrotters won 1,548 games. "In the second game, we knew we could beat them," Hogan said. "I remember stealing the ball off their best ballhandler and running down to score. My wife still can't believe I did that. We beat a lot of good teams back in those days, but to beat those guys twice was incredible.

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**Tom O'Brien '68** knows Windsor and Essex County from up close and afar.

The 60-year-old chartered accountant has always had a home here and his family roots in the area go back more than 300 years. He and his son, Mike, have started Cooper's Hawk Vineyards near Harrow where O'Brien expects to spend many of his retirement hours.

He has also looked at the Windsor-Essex region

from the offices of some of the biggest companies in Canada and around the world. From 2002 to 2007 he travelled the globe for PricewaterhouseCoopers as the head of its tax division, serving client companies that make consumer and industrial products.

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O'Brien is hoping his hometown bias and global perspective will help him in his recent appointment to the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation board.

"I think Windsor needs a voice on that board" because it is home to one of the OLG's biggest properties, Caesars Windsor, he says.

The weak U.S. dollar, increased security at the border and the recession have all hurt the casino's bottom line, but the venue still provides 3,300 badly needed jobs and has the potential to rebound with the economy, O'Brien says.

Hiring a new CEO is the new board's first priority. With only an introductory board meeting under his belt, O'Brien says he is still learning the ropes but expects the board will take a close look at current employee morale and make sure the new CEO can take it in a positive direction.

While the board's job is to oversee and not to manage the OLG, which generates more than \$1.6 billion annually for the province, knowing what good management looks like helps.

O'Brien has spent most of his career in management with what is now PricewaterhouseCoopers, where he started as a co-op student in 1971.

Today, he is in Ottawa for the federal budget for which he will provide insight and analysis on behalf of the firm.

He was in Toronto for most of 2007-09 spearheading research for the firm's detailed report on the total tax contribution Canada's largest companies make to all levels of government. Prior to taking the global job from 2002 to 2007, he was PricewaterhouseCoopers' automotive industry leader for four years, which gave him an inside view as manufacturers cut jobs by the thousands.

"My feeling is it's stabilizing, but it's been depressing," he says of seeing the brutal effect on Windsor and members of his own family, who had to close businesses and were on layoff.

"I feel more positive about the Windsor area than a year ago when things were so bad, but we need that sense of working together to rebuild the region's economy", he says.

He retired as a PricewaterhouseCoopers partner in 2009 and is currently running the Windsor office overseeing a staff of 55 until July.

Gregarious and energetic, he couldn't see himself putting up his feet when he retired. He sees his role on the OLG board as one way of using the skills he honed over decades and giving back to the community.

But there will also be lots of time for he and his wife, Katy, to enjoy their wine cellar, the vineyard and their six grandchildren (plus a seventh on the way), he says.

# THE NEWS

#### Sisco Joins Sports Hall of Fame (Dave Waddell and Jim Parker – Windsor Star)

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At the 29th Annual induction ceremony of the Windsor/ Essex Sports Hall of Fame held on October 17, 2009, one more Assumption alumnus joined this prestigious list of individuals. Sam Sisco was inducted in the Founders category and credited Fr. Ronald Cullen for his success. Sam Sisco (Class of 1952) like

most kids wanted to be a hockey player growing up in Windsor, but Assumption high school coach Rev. Ron Cullen tried to be honest with him. "Father Cullen cut me from the high school team. I couldn't skate well enough." Sisco kicked around for a couple more seasons playing Junior B in Blenheim. "I was often a healthy scratch", Sisco said. He even spent a little time with the Senior A Windsor Bulldogs. "I played 25 games for the Windsor Bulldogs, but mostly on the road because they didn't have enough players", Sisco said. That's when he decided to exchange his jersey for referee stripes and he never forgot Fr. Cullen's words.

Sam went on to be one of the finest referees that our hockey community has ever seen. Starting in the 1950's, Sisco climbed the ranks of local minor hockey before reaching OHA Jr. "A", OCAA and OUAA levels. He refereed in the International Hockey League for 17 seasons and officiated in the NCAA. In 1973 Sisco was invited by the United States Hockey Association to referee the World Cup Hockey Tournament including the gold medal game. Since 1976 Sisco serves as a Supervisor of Officials at many levels: OHL Jr. "A", IHL, AHL and NHL before recently retiring. Read more at http://www.wecshof.org/.

| OTHER ASSUMPTION ALUMNI   |                     |               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES  |                     |               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rev. Charles Armstrong Oct. 17, 1981 John Upham Nov. 4, 1999<br>Rev. Ronald Cullen Sept. 18, 1992 |                     |               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dr. Frank DeMarco   | Oct. 19, 1996       |               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Reno Bertoia Sept. 18, 1992   | Jimmy Hogan         | Oct. 16, 1999 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hank Biasatti Sept. 18, 1992  | Medo Martinello     | Oct. 13, 2001 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Frank Wansbrough Sept. 29, 1984   | Eddie Mio           | Oct. 16, 2004 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bruno Bitkowski Sept. 17, 1988  | Bruce Walker        | Oct. 16, 2004 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gino Fracas Sept. 16, 1989 Marga  | aret Sidoroff-Canty | Oct. 13, 2007 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dick Dupuis Nov. 2, 1991  | Joe Siddall         | Nov. 8, 2008  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stanley Nantais Nov. 2, 1991  | Sam Sisco           | Oct. 17, 2009 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bill Butcher O  | oct. 16, 1993       |               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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# CLASS OF '85

Remember your 25 year reunion is November 6th. Don't miss out. Bring along fellow grads. Please check the missing grad section and forward any addresses to:

> 519-256-7801 ext. 299 REUNION DATE: NOV. 6, 2010

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# CONGRATULATIONS TO:

**Geoff Owen** '**66**, who experienced his greatest shot at golf, at Pointe West on Aug. 10th, 2009.

Stats: length 174 yards

Club: Four-iron, Ping Ball: TItleist Solo, No. 2

Witnesses: Joe Sasso, Wayne Sargent, Tom Prime

Quote: "We thought the ball went off the green," Geoff said. "We got up there and looked everywhere but in the hole."

This is Geoff's first hole-in-one. His final score was 83 with a handicap of 10. Geoff has played golf for over 40 years. He taught at Assumption for 22 years and at Brennan for 8 years. Way to go, Geoff!

**Mary Helen and Doug Raper** on their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married Feb. 20, 1960 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Cargill, Ontario. They have five children, Sheila '78, Lee Anne '79, Mary Kaye '81, James '83, Patricia '87 and seven grandchildren.

**Jeffrey Daniel Girard '03** for completing his training at RCMP Depot Regina. Jeffrey attended St. John Elementary, Assumption and St. Clair College. He will be posted to Alberta.

**Mike DeLong '06**, who will get the start on the mound for the West Texas A & M baseball team. He is set to oppose No. 8-ranked Abilene Christian University. He is looking forward to having a successful year on the mound and hopefully being drafted next year. Mike played for Henry Ford Junior College last season and for the London Majors last summer. His contacts with the Majors led to a full-ride offer from the West Texas Buffalos, an NCAA Division II member of the Lone Star Conference. He says he will have to focus on pitching rather than just throwing hard.

Windsor native, **Susan Docherty '80**, has been tapped by General Motors to oversee its U.S. sales. Docherty, 46, is currently in charge of the corporation's Buick-GMC brands. She takes over from Mark LaNeve as vicepresident of U.S. sales and will become a part of GM's executive committee. "Susan will bring a wealth of experience from previous marketing and sales assignments," GM CEO Fritz Henderson said in a



marketing and sales assignments," GM CEO Fritz Henderson said in a statement. "I have confidence that she will bring a new perspective to the position as she guides a new, lean, and customer-focused dealer network." Docherty attended Assumption high school and started her experience with General Motors as a temporary part-time worker at its Windsor Transmission Plant in the mid 1980s. She started fulltime with GM in 1986 and has held an array of positions.



International hors d'oeuvres wonderfully prepared by Assumption Culinary Students for the '09 Reunion

# Chemist discovers 'the secret of life'

By Marty Gervais



Published: Friday, August 28, 2009 in the Windsor Star They're good people. They care about this city and its future. They also care to make a difference in other people's lives. In

the simplest terms,

that's why they're



being honoured Saturday (Aug. 29th, 2009). I'm speaking of **Roger (class of '47)** and **Audrey Thibert** whose contributions to this city and the education of its youth could fill a book larger than a New York City phone book. Roger, the 80-year-old world-renowned clinical chemist, grew up in Tecumseh, toiled under the tutelage of the Basilians at Assumption and got an early start in his career working in the labs at Green Giant. He is credited with the development of numerous courses in chemistry and biochemistry at the University of Windsor and was instrumental in creating its graduate program in clinical chemistry, the only pre-doctoral program of its kind in Canada. Among the dozens of awards he has received, Roger has been honoured with the highest awards in education from The Canadian Society of Clinical Chemistry and the American Association for Clinical Chemistry Award, both for outstanding efforts in education and training.

His wife, Audrey, who attended St. Mary's Academy and graduated from Assumption University, worked as a radiologist at Detroit Memorial Hospital. She has been an unwavering supporter of both the University of Windsor and the community at large. She was the first female president of the University of Windsor Alumni Association and is also on the university's board of governors. Both Roger and Audrey were given honorary doctorates from the University of Windsor in 2004. But such details are merely statistics. This week I spoke with them at Dr. George Grayson's dentist's office. Grayson, along with Amanda Gellman, is hosting the banquet in the couple's honour at the Freed Orman Conference Centre Saturday at Assumption University. The proceeds from this event will be funnelled into supporting the naming of a room for Roger and Audrey in the University's new Medical Education Building. Roger was Grayson's teacher at the University of Windsor and he says it all when speaking of his old professor: "He saved me. If it hadn't been for him, I don't know where I'd be today. I certainly wouldn't be here."

Grayson said, "This man turned people's lives around." From Roger's point of view, it was all about "mentoring," and that meant listening, setting aside a moment to find out how such students might find the way to get back on track. As Roger looks back at his life, his obsession with chemistry dates to his teenage years at Green Giant when he was assigned to work in its lab. Little did he know, this would set him on a lifelong course. As I said, these are good people. Both were born and raised in this area. And both decided to stay here when with their talent and successes, they could've gone anywhere. They could've written their own ticket. Their choice, however, was to live and work and raise their family here (Mark, '75 and Robert '77). Just before I departed, Roger -ever the chemist and educator -- started in with what sounded like of an old lecture on what he termed "alchemy," but he fooled me. The chemistry he spoke about was not what you would find in a lab. It wasn't about test tubes and Bunsen burners. It was far more fundamental. The alchemy of life. That search for the secret of life. "And, I found it, the secret of life," Roger said quietly. "I found her," he said, reaching out to touch the arm of his wife.

## Healing in the War Zone

Thunder Bay plastic surgeon **Dr. Mark Thibert** returned to his hometown of Windsor Saturday – to attend a dinner honouring his University of Windsor professor parents, Roger and Audrey Thibert, who together have 112 years of teaching experience. Thibert delivered a presentation about his two-month tour of duty in Afghanistan from July 27 to Oct. 3, 2008, as the first Canadian plastic surgeon serving in a combat zone in Afghanistan. Photograph by: Handout, The Windsor Star



They came in every day, all day, sometimes in groups, often missing legs and

arms. And that's when Dr. Mark Thibert went to work, or perhaps continued his work, making people whole again amid the horror of war.

"The bad thing was these people usually had a multiplicity of injuries," said Thibert, who was born and raised in Windsor and now works as a plastic surgeon in Thunder Bay. "Most people did not have any particular single injury. They were multiply traumatized people, which you don't often see in a civilian environment. "But in war, there are many, many people with severe, lifealtering, life-threatening injuries." Thibert returned to his hometown Saturday – to attend a dinner honouring his University of Windsor professor parents, Roger and Audrey Thibert, who together have 112 years of teaching experience. Thibert delivered a presentation about his two-month tour of duty in Afghanistan from July 27 to Oct. 3, 2008, as the first Canadian plastic surgeon serving in a combat zone in Afghanistan. "My presentation is one of the examples of how my parents have influenced people," Thibert said. "My abilities are reflective of the good they have done."

Thibert helped others halfway around the world, in a hot and dangerous setting. The reservist and Major with the Canadian Forces said the key to handling the pressure, and the horror, is to work as a team with fellow highly trained medical personnel. "There wasn't really any panic," said Thibert, 51, who normally works as a plastic and reconstructive surgeon at the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre. "Even under the worst of circumstances, when we would have 25, 30 people land on our doorstep all at once, everything flowed smoothly." The majority of victims Thibert saw were casualties of bombs. He would have to reconstruct limbs, hands, feet, faces, even torsos. His typical day consisted of rising at 5 a.m., going for a run around the base, then heading for a shower and breakfast, and making it to the hospital on Kandahar Airfield for 7:30. He would often work till midnight, usually on Afghan soldiers and civilians. He said in Afghanistan culture, people who can no longer contribute to family life because of injuries are often shunned, so helping them function properly again was particularly rewarding. Thibert said he enjoyed expanding his skills in a way that could never happen in North America, providing him expertise that he was able to bring home to patients in Canada. He focused on the positive, even in a war zone, even during 12-hour-plus days, knowing that his work helped people heal. And survive. "As a practitioner of medicine, this was the ultimate opportunity on a worldwide basis to help a broader group of people," Thibert said. "So it was very gratifying."

> THANK YOU TO OUR PROOF READERS: Pauline Kenney & Denis Malette.

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# SPECIAL RECOGNITION

# RAIDER SPORTS



Send us your favourite can collecting story.

# SMALL SCHOOL - BIG HEART

Have no fear! Assumption's traditions are still here! Yes, the students of Assumption still carry on the wonderful can drive tradition that began in December of 1954. With a small population of about 670, Assumption students collected over 32,500 canned goods. The staff and students braved the elements of cold weather to gather cans for those in need during these desperate times. The project was led by the student council and their staff advisor Mrs. Nicolina Paciocco. Over these last 56 years, it is estimated that Assumption students have collected over **2.5 million cans.** Way to go Raiders!



# Police Handcuff Raiders!

On Friday, February 12, 2010, the Assumption Purple Raiders' senior boys' basketball team had a rematch against the Windsor Police. With a very enthusiastic packed crowd of students in the Fr. Armstrong gym, the Raiders were unable to repeat last year's victory. Despite strong outside shooting that had the police team scrambling in the first half and down 10 points, the Raiders could not stop the resurging cops in the second half. The halftime snack of donuts may have been a factor. The police prevailed in an exciting 80-77 contest. Approximately \$600 was raised for charity. Another game will be set up for next year. Good Luck to the boys' team in the upcoming playoffs. Go Raiders!!!

#### ASSUMPTION STUDENTS ON MISSION TO FIGHT DISEASE THAT KILLS ONE CHILD EVERY THIRTY SECONDS

It threatens 3.3 billion people or half of the world's population each year. Annually, there are 250 million cases, resulting in close to a million deaths. Malaria threatens people in the world's poorest countries, especially Africa, where one in every five childhood deaths is due to the affects of the For that reason, the students of Assumption disease. College Catholic High School are carrying on an initiative started by a former student. "Spread the Net" raises money to purchase mosquito bed nets for less fortunate areas of Africa as well as to spread awareness locally. This year, funds are being raised through a student-run dodgeball tournament. 'Dodge Malaria', has about 80 competitors on 12 different teams that are divided into two divisions. The games are played in the gym at lunch to bleachers full of supporters. The championship game was played on Friday, Feb. 19th in the Armstrong gym. Admission proceeds will go to "Spread the Net". Student organizer Erich Ofner says, "If there is some type of population unity and bonding achievable through hurling balls at each other, then I believe we have achieved it".



Fr. Johnson celebrates Mass at the '09 Reunion

# NEWS OF NOTE



#### Congratulations to Gary Weir '67

who was awarded the 'Father Armstrong Award', presented in memory of Father Armstrong to a secondary teacher/coach who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and exemplary coaching in inter-school sports.

Following is the speech that Gary Malloy presented in Gary's honour.

"For well over 30 years, Gary has coached at both the elementary and secondary levels. He has coached boys' hockey and girls' baseball/ fastball for over 20 years at Assumption. Gary

brings the same sense of fairness and dedication to coaching that has made him an exemplary biology and chemistry teacher. He learned our schools' motto: "Teach Me Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge" by heart when he was a Purple Raider himself in the 1960s. It is obvious to everyone on staff that Gary has implemented these words in every class he has taught and with every team he has coached in his distinguished career.

Our school sports governing body, OFSAA, is represented by the phrase "Education Through School Sports". Gary Weir sees coaching as an extension of teaching. His coaching has allowed him to capitalize on many "teachable moments" as alluded to by the heartfelt presentation of his graduating students at the school assembly yesterday. The standing ovation he received and the tears of the girls' softball team after their good by speech reinforced just what kind of teacher/coach Gary is. Simply put, he cared about the kids he taught and coached in an old fashioned way that endeared him to them. As one young lady put it: "Mr. Weir always said the right thing in a kind way."

Those of us on staff who have had the pleasure of teaching with Gary, have been impressed by his work habits; he is always the first one to arrive in the morning and one of the last to leave (whether he has practice or not) in the evening. We have seen how proud he is of his daughter Amy, also a teacher on our staff, his other two children and his new grandson. His happy marriage to wife Heather (also a WECDSB retiree) is a testament to Gary, the consummate family man. In an age where many students experience family turmoil, Gary and his family values have been a wonderful model for staff and students alike. I've had the pleasure of coaching hockey with Gary for over 10 years. He was always kind and caring with the athletes, always committed, had a great sense of humour and was very knowledgeable about the sport. Gary always taught the so-called "life lessons" through sports—by his word and by his example. His friendship is something that both of us know will continue well beyond all of our teaching careers

The lessons of "Goodness. Discipline and Knowledge" learned by Gary at a young age have continued to be demonstrated and lived by him for the benefit of several generations of new Assumption students. In the spirit of Fr. Charles Armstrong, we are proud to nominate Mr. Gary Weir for this prestigious award and to wish him a well deserved and blessed retirement."

Signed, Assumption College School Science Department

#### "Thank You"

To Assumption students for folding the newsletters and to Mrs. Pauline Kenney for labeling them. Thank you also to Denis Malette for hand delivering newsletters to help cut down mailing costs.

ATTENTION! CLASS OF 1975 Don't forget to come out to Lilly Kazzilly's this year on Friday, Nov. 5th anytime after 8:00 p.m. It'll be great to catch up on news with everyone. Remember, it's our 35th anniversary, so come on out!! See you there!!

#### BONIFERRO GOLF OUTING

On Saturday, May 8th, 2010, family and friends will gather at the Kingsville Golf and Country Club at 11:00 am to golf and reminisce in honour of Guy Boniferro. Organizers, Dino Latella '82, Hunt Hool '79, and Carlo Boniferro '84, have decided to include the late Mark Landry '78, in this annual event. "ML" and "Boni" were friends and teammates at Assumption High School. Both are sadly and deeply missed by all. After nine holes of golf, a lunch will be served and stories told. Anyone interested in attending, please contact the Alumni Office at 256-7801 ext 299, or Dino at 519-919-4279. See you there.



#### **Gary Fera Retires**

When I reflect on my career—31 plus years at the same school—it makes it a bit more difficult, because all my memories are with this building and this community. I have been very lucky teaching in the business department for many years, and doing the workplace co-op for part of my career as well. It has always been a pleasure to be part of a wonderful community-people who are faithful, caring, understanding, thoughtful, and funny.

What do I remember most??? Some of the many memories are: (Unfortunately, Gary remembers more than this issue can hold so if you would like the rest please visit our website at www.achalumni.ca.)



Brian Zanier and Students entertain Alumni



The wonderful production of "CUT" performed by the Padre O'Connor Theatre Company of Assumption High is a whimsical look at the fate of characters Cut from theatrical productions. To the left Brittany Renaud is not having a bad hair day but is still coiffured for her lead role as a character cut from a Greek tragedy.

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# 60, 40, 25 YEAR ANNIVERSARIES



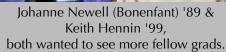
**1954 Grads Present Nov. 7th , 2009** Front Row: Dom DePalma, Lido Sandre, Lou Rainone, Harold Hanson, Jim Hartford Second Row: Dick Maheu, Bud Murphy, Digger Durocher, Larry Bannon Third Row: Nish Mascarin, Des McGuire, Joe Matz



First Row: John Upham, Greg McCullough, Mark Wise, John Rice, Jim Flynn, Terry Snyder Second Row: Hector Marinacci, Tom Kilgallin, Don Beauchamp, Bill King, Peter Bryant, David Leonard Third Row: Frank Parco, Roland Deschamps, Tony Ilkanic, Roy James



**1949-50 Grads** Friends with Paul Laethem







1974 Grads present Nov. 7th, 2009

Front Row: Alan Hickey, Laurie Collard (Steptoe), Ron Durocher, Bridget Ryan, Kathy Canil, Joal Zakoor, Robin McNeil (Slattery) Second Row: Mario Iatonna, John Ashworth, Anita Iannucci, Tim White, Kris Phillips (Zetner) Third Row:Catherine Boyce (Reeb) Rick Dumouchelle, Mike Valcke, Jackie Beer, Gerry Finnegan, Ann Nicol, Roger D'Agostini

# 50 YEAR GRADUATING CLASS 1956



1979 Grads present Nov. 7th, 2009

Front Row: Mark Murray, Lee Ann Schmedt (Schoenberger), Linda Pallisco, Kurt Sutts, Janice McCarthy (Kulyk), Antonietta Spada, Michelle Gagnon, Maria Gabriele (Simone), Miria Angileri (Fantin), Chris Holmes

Second Row: Kevin Roberts, Madeline LaCivita (DeLuca), Cidalia Alves (Teves), Geralyn Mady, Josi Ienna (Scebba), Daniela Pastorius (Sorrentino), Linda Holland-Keogh (Holland), Lora Piccinin (Scrignaro)

Third Row: Michael Maio, Anne Ryan (Sheehan), Irene Laronde (Byrne), Lonie Calsavara, Paulette Nicodemo (Garswood), Jackie Beneteau, Angela Knapp (Panontin), Mark Smith, Colleen Blakemore (Furlong), Valerie Behlow (Cisilino)

Fourth Row: Kim Bode, Larry Modolo, Dave Richards, Chris Power, Carole Fontaine, Peter Deck, Charles Butler

Fifth Row: Kevin Coughlin, Michelle Pope (Goudreau), Mugsy Rondot, Raz Iacobelli, Rose Trocchi, Joe Power, Mark Courtney, Hunt Hool



**1969 Grads** Michael Birch and George Ponka





**1964 Grads Present Nov. 7th , 2009** Peter Wyzinski, Bob Lyman, Joseph Renaud, John L. Deziel



1984 Grads present Nov. 7th, 2009

Front Row: Susan McCrindle, Louanne White, Anne-Marie Fleury (Nantais), Tammy Bechard (Hall), Elenore Sedge (Franco), Kelly Ouellette, Danielle Reaume, Nicole Miner (Ricard), Nancy Holmes (Buratto), Renee' Cantarutti (Shunock), Shelley Gilbert (Piquet) Second Row: Sandy Bortolin (Mardegan), Lena Kiritsis (Milanis), George Benvenuto, Tracey Merachli (Pettinato), Maureen Holland (Gilliam), Teresa Angelini (Scalzi), Pina Vasko (Vitarelli), Lisa Geremia (Teti), Denise Leonard (Duym), Lisa Carnelos, Tim Gregorian Third Row: Donna Savage, Becky Gbadebo (Ledingham), Josie Cirino, Maria DiMenna (Romeo), Maisie Elias (Boutros), Tiziana Berlasty (Gabbato), Natalie Skiba (Barker), Colleen Marchand (Barker), Theresa Ray (Comartin), Elizabeth Smith (Jas), Monica Simpson (Bedard), Chris Hoffman

Fourth Row: Patrick Maguire, Paul Pavan, Dan Hastings, Alex Miklosi, Helen-Fiona Drake, Linda Jean (Fantin), Chris Tokarski, Anne Kane-Jeffries (Kane), Beth Daly, Helena Racovitis-Ventrella, Greg Fabris, Patrick Nadon

Fifth Row: William Ruesink, Michael Drouillard, Todd Gallant, Paul Hoffman, Dan Predhomme, Brian Fader, Brad Godin, Richard Nadalini, Derek Jane, Emmanuele Novelletto, Paul Quattrin

Sixth Row: Dan Boland, Mark Boscariol, John VandeHogan, Bob Stojanovic, Mike Quaggiotto, Sean Dube, Peter Solly, Cary Higgins, Steve Murhpy, Dave Boyce, Robert Bertolin, Bud Rubino, Dave Janisse

**Patrick C. Hucker Sr. '39** writes: "I'm so pleased to make contact again with the Assumption Alumni. I was a day student from 1935-1939 and am so very thankful for the education given me by those great Basilians, like Frs. MacDonald, George Thompson, Guinan, Mulvahill, Donlon, both Mallons, Armstrong and others. There is no way I can truly thank them for educating me nor repay them for educating me in the height of the Great Depression."

John Durocher '46 says that he is forever grateful for the wonderful education he received at Assumption High School.



Renee Beland, Tamara Siddall (Warwaruk), Sandra Smith (Collodel), Edie Caruso (Bogaczyk)

**Kevin Masterson '51** – "Many thanks for your 'newsy' newsletter as Assumption was a place of so many great memories. The band program under Frank Manichetti, Cy Udall and Fr. Harrison provided such a firm foundation in my musical career. I feel a real debt to these great people."

Byron P. Rourke '56, FRSC, CM. "You may wish to make my website available to the membership. <u>Website</u>: <u>www.NLD-BPROURKE.ca</u>

Keep up the good work! Byron P. Rourke, Department of Psychology, University of Windsor

**Charles Allen '59** "My family moved to San Francisco in August 1959. I graduated from S.F. State University in 1965. My career was with the U.S. Forest Service as Personnel Officer. I married Gloria in 1967. I retired to Sun City West in 1992. Gloria passed away several years ago. Life has been good and challenging."

**Jim Costigan** writes: "I am an Assumption Grad from 1968. My three brothers have been receiving info for years but I never really got around to it until now. Tony Paniccia informed me of the Newsletter again last year and you sent me some old copies. So anyway I finally am making contact. I graduated from Grade 12 in 1968 and attended University of Windsor and then teacher's college at Western. I've been in education for 37 years teaching high school in Brampton and Mississauga for 20 years. I moved to London, Ontario as a high school Vice

Principal and spent 11 years as a high school Principal at John Paul 2 and

# CHATTER

then St. Joseph's Catholic High Schools. In my last year with the London Catholic Board, I was an Acting Superintendent. I then officially retired after 35 years. However I have since accepted my current job as High School Principal and Associate Director of a private International School, Bilkent Laboratory and International School in Ankara, Turkey, the capital city of Turkey and have been here 2 years now. This is our post-retirement adventure to continue working and seeing the world at the same time and it has been a great adventure so far. My wife of 37 years, Melissa Costigan [nee Holland, a Riverside High and U of W.Grad] is the College Counsellor at Bilkent School also.We have 2 children, Greg 30 years old who is currently completing his M.B.A. from Manchester, England and is on a work experience exchange in Shanghai, China, and our daughter, Jennifer 25 years old who is in her second year of law school at our old alma mater, U.of W. and U. of D. Mercy. Neither child is married and we have no grandchildren. So this is a brief update. Hope to get on the mailing list and hear from you soon."

Greg Jewell '69, writes: "Thank you for the news letter and the reunion announcement. 1969 to 2009...it slipped my mind that this was the year. l was looking forward to attending the reunion, to catch up with a few of the guys from the residence. Not everyone gets to grow up Unfortunately, a with 200 other guys. business commitment with a hospital group here in southern California prevents me from going anywhere until after (American) So may I wish you a Thanksgiving. successful evening, and I look forward to attending the next reunion. All the best, Greg Jewell, Westminster, CA.

**Jim Oss, '69** writes: "Rick, thanks for the notice of the Valentine's dance. I won't be able to make it as I'm still teaching school in Kansas, but this is my last year and I will retire. Then I'll be able to make a lot of ACHS events - especially the '63 reunion."



Ray Renaud Jack Hool Andy Auch

Dave Wright '71 writes: "Hope all is well with you. I wanted to update you on something. I have written a book that will be published in March. It's called: "163-0: A Twins' perfect season." It is a historical fantasy of sorts about the Minnesota Twins having a perfect season. One of the wins I discuss is the first game in team history -a 6-0 win over the Yankees on April 11, 1961. In that game, Reno Bertoia homered off Ralph Terry in the eighth inning. (As a side note, Reno ends up being a footnote in the team's history. He became the first player they ever traded when he was sent to KC in early June for OF Bill Tuttle.) In my dedication, I wrote how indebted I am to both Fr. Cullen and Reno for the book. (Fr. Cullen for what he did for me in my ACH days and Reno because, among other things, he suggested I consider going to school in Minnesota. Regards.'

**Maurice (Moe) Berthiaume, '73.** "Greetings ACH Alumni Newsletter! It's been 4 decades since I first entered the hallowed halls of my fondly remembered high school years at Assumption.....the year of Woodstock, the 60s in full bloom and man's first step on the moon!.....but what's 3 - 4 decades between friends. I always look forward to 'catching up' when the Newsletter arrives. And a l th o u g h 1'm from 'th a t generation'......you <u>can</u> teach old dogs new tricks. Please convert my subscription to the email address that follows and once again ....thanks for all your great work in keeping us 'connected' "Go Purple and White......& Green!"

John Ashworth '74 reminisces: "Great time to be at ACH. We had long hair, great music and student protest. We shut down the Ambassador Bridge over U.S. military policy. Our teams were great – we won city football champ 5 years in a row. I was <u>NOT</u> on the team. We were the year that welcomed girls to the school in our grade 10 year. What a change! GO RAIDERS!"

**Anita lannucci** '**74** writes: "I was lucky enough to be in the very first group of girls that came to Assumption in the fall of 1971. We didn't know what to expect but what an adventure it was! Time flew by. Lessons were learned - so many of which are still with me. Friendships have lasted. All of my memories are great. Reunions are like coming home."

**Bridget Ryan '74** writes: "Thanks to everyone who keep up the tradition of yearly reunions. It is wonderful to reconnect with Assumption. I was thrilled that I caught up with Fr. Johnson. Thanks to the staff and students who helped out. The students who took care of the food and serving were absolutely delightful and professional. We loved the new format. We didn't miss the dinner at all just more time to talk with everyone. All the best".

# C H A T T E R

**Stephen Lukas '74** writes: "Hi Rick, thanks for the update and I am glad things are going well for you. Still sailing....I recall that it was either Doug Pocock or yourself sailing the sunfish on the lake up north and forgetting to put the main drain plug in!! That was a fun trip. I am working for a representation firm in the Poconos selling valves to the petroleum industry Needless to say, business has been terribly slow as we were hit with the euro/dollar stress which halted our valve sales for the last eighteen months. I am most probably going to be job hunting again soon. C'est la vie!! Say hello to all from class of '74".

**Tim White '74** is a shift manager at Caesars Windsor and has been married to Mary Ann Horne for twelve years. His favourite memory of Assumption is '112'.

**Tara Clavenna (Vanthournout), '75** lives in Birmingham Michigan. She is a Speech/ Language Pathologist and has two teenagers.



Kevin McKenzie '75 updates us: "I'm a partner with Ernst & Young LLP in Toronto and have recently completed a three year assignment at our global headquarters in London, U.K. It was a great opportunity to work in another country and travel throughout the world, but I'm very happy to be settled back here in Oakville. My wife Christine (Waterloo) and I are busy with our two kids, Gabe and Madelyn age 9 and 7 and 1 have sons Kyle (23), at Western and Greg (22), at Laurier. We are all looking forward to being together. over the Christmas holidays. Speaking of which, I smiled when I read the notice for the Christmas concert having played in four of them as member of the concert and "dance" bands under Gil Grossutti's watchful eye. He was a stickler for practice and preparation and that lesson has served me very well in my life and career. While I'm sorry I missed the 30th reunion, I am looking forward to seeing the class of '75 at out 35th next November". Kevin McKenzie '75

Judy Glendenning (George '78) updates us: "Hi everyone! I received a hard copy of the newsletter as requested for the Fall and thank you but, I do not need this hard copy delivered to my place of residence after reading "Will the Green Machine Roll Over Everyone". I understand you are cutting down the cost of postage and I will definitely read the newsletters over the internet. Your website is awesome! Going Green is an excellent idea in this day and age. Thirty years ago it was a great idea! Hahaha! Thank you very much Hunt, Rick and everybody for doing so, but as I said, I will read the newsletters over the internet from now on. Save the extra costs. I can live with reading from your website! Thanks for being so prompt for my past request though. Keep up the great work!"

William Ruesink '84 writes: "Currently, I am teaching high school mathematics (AP Calculus) and part time with the University of Cincinnati math department. I have four children ranging in ages from 3 to 10. Take care. William Ruesink

**Charlotte Courtland '82** writes: "Hi Everyone!!! I just wanted to say Thank You for keeping up with the Assumption Newsletter as I look forward to reading what's been going on in past grads' lives. Unfortunately, I need to pass on to our friends of 1982 that my dear sweet cousin, Dana Courtland has passed away August 23, 2008. She had a very rough life with her illness of LUPUS that she is NOW finally at peace. She will be sadly missed by all. Love ya Cuz."

Marie Ferland (Seeger) '84 writes: "I have been happily married for 19 years to Dave Ferland, a high school teacher in Brantford. I have 3 children: two sons, Nate is 18 years old, Kelsey is 16 years old and one daughter, Alicia who is 13 years old. I have been working in an architectural firm for the past 10 years in the accounting department.

**Lisa Bastien '90** has accepted a teaching position with the Abu Dhabi Education Council in United Arab Emirates. She sends best wishes to all in the alumni.

**Justin Snively '99** updates us with: "Hi Rick, I just wanted to say thanks for keeping me and all other Raider alumni informed on what's going on at our Alma Mater. Also, I was just reading the Alumni Newsletter online and noticed that there was a bit of an error on the Congratulations page to the 2008 Raider Football squad. While taking nothing away from their efforts, the 2008 Raiders were not the first team in 23 years as the title, "Shutout clinches first football title in 23 years" indicates. The 1996 Purple Raiders won the Arnott Conference Championship under the leadership of Head Coach, Joe Brannagan and Assistant



Student Lydia Elnar serving Alumni er the leadership of annagan and Assistant Coaches, Pat Hickson & Gino Fracas. The '96 squad beat L'Essor in the Semifinals and then went on to top Cardinal Carter 20-10 at Windsor Stadium for the Championship. Thanks for all your hard work! Raider Pride!"

Editor's Note: "Thanks for the correction, Justin!" From **Ron Jeffrey '59:** "I received a surprise call from Hector Marinacci. He's on the 1959 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee trying to contact all alumni of that year to join other Assumption grads in November 2009. I told him I'd be delighted to attend, jokingly adding that I hoped this wasn't a ruse just to get us there in order to pay up hours we still owed for "jug" (detention). Sitting back, I began reminiscing about the old high school and some of the teachers I fondly remember and why:

Fr. Phelan – his infectious laugh and sense of humour as he taught French to us stubborn English boys. Fr. Foley – my confidant, one I trusted and to whom I was able to freely talk about any problem and knew he understood me. Fr. Agius – whom I always feared because of he gruff appearance but later learned by serving his noon hour Masses in the chapel that he was a deeply spiritual man and kind.

Fr. Thompson – principal of our school, who taught Latin because he enjoyed it. With his no-nonsense approach and enthusiasm, he made all us dough heads feel like we too loved the subject.

George McMahon– a young, intelligent, inspiring history teacher. Every class started with sports banter, but with two words, "Let's work", he had us all 'in the palm of his hand' as he brought us to understand the significance of the past. Terry Snyder– who inspired me to join track and I'm still running today. Fifty years later, I finally say thank you to them!



<sup>(79</sup> grads Mark Courtney, Maria Simone, Madeline DeLuca, Miria Fantin, Mark Smith



Remember your 50 year reunion is November 6th. Don't miss out. Bring along fellow grads. Please check the missing grad section and forward any addresses to: 519-256-7801 ext. 299 REUNION DATE:

NOV. 6, 2010

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#### Assumption Memories of Thomas (T.A.P.) Ryan '48

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(Mr. Ryan passed away on March 4th, 2010). He sent this letter to us on Oct. 15, 2009.

Dear Rick: I enjoyed the latest copy of the newsletter (Fall '09), especially the story of Fr. Mike Dalton who I knew from my days at St. Alphonsus School in downtown Windsor. He soon went off to war and we were so proud of him. Later on in Europe, he would often say mass using the hood of my brother's jeep as his altar.

It hardly seems possible that a year has passed since the class of '48 celebrated its 60th reunion. It sure brought many memories flooding back as we exchanged stories. When that class entered good old Assumption in September of 1944, the Allies had invaded Europe that past June and everyone followed the Allied progress. Many of us signed up for the Air Cadets to feel part of the war effort.

On Registration day, as I recall, various tables were set up in the gym according to the alphabet. At my table, a very large cassocked priest sat with a huge cigar in his mouth. His name was Father Mulvhill C.S.B., but for those of us who met him that day, he would always be known as "Smokey" Mulvhill because he was never without the cigar. The high school, of course, was not the current one but what is now known as Dillon Hall on the campus of the University of Windsor. It was a great old structure and as we entered for the first time I knew it was something special. It had class, a history, something that set it apart. Just off the second floor rotunda was the bookstore and I bought up everything that had the name Assumption on it. particularly remember small, pennant shaped stickers, which I bought by the dozen and had them, emblazoned on all my books. I wanted to be sure everyone on the outside knew what school I was attending. The next four years were filled with all kinds of activities as I became involved in the air cadets, intramural football, track, the dramatic club, the Knights of the Blessed Sacrament, the Reporter Staff and the Mission Society. I also did feature articles for the Canadian High News, a countrywide newspaper for high schools. I got paid for that one.

One thing the old school had were handball courts and every recess and noon, we would race out to see who could grab a court. If you were lucky, you got to play with some of the priest. Fr. Reily, I remember, was a tremendous player. He could "dead butt" the ball almost every time. He said it was because he had been a plasterer early on and built up a real set of muscles. He was a great guy as well. Discipline was strict, firm but fair, as they say. Minor infractions might mean a number of turns walking the "little walk". More drastic ones might bring a number of runs around the campus, which was about a block square, now covered with buildings of the University.

At the end of the year, final exams had been written and everyone was on pins and needles to see if we had passed and would graduate. Fr. Brown was principal at the time and each student was given a time to appear at this office to be told if he passed or failed. As you walked into his office, he simply looked you in the eye and nodded yes or no. I can tell you it was a great relief to get that positive nod.

The graduation mass and ceremony took place in stately old Assumption Church with the Right Reverend John T. Kidd, Bishop of London, officiating and handing each graduate his diploma with a word of encouragement.

My memories of Assumption are good ones, good times, good friends and a good education to boot. I hope as all the classes meet at future reunions that they too can share great memories.

The Alumni Association at Assumption with its newsletter and great job with the annual reunions keeps the old Assumption tradition alive. Keep up the good work. Sincerely,

T.A.P. Ryan, Class of '48

#### Haggarty Update from mom, Theresa

**Suzanne '74** lives in Kitchener and has 3 grown children. She works as a Registered Medical Lab Technician and is a grandmother of one.

**Barbara** '**76** is married to Paul Hebert, lives in London and has three sons (one now deceased). She nurses at University Hospital in the Oncology department and also at the Student Medical Center. Barb won the U of Western Ontario Award for Excellence in Nursing for 2009. She has been nursing for over 30 years.

**Kathleen '77** lives in Edmonton. She and her husband, Robert, have two children. Kathleen is a Museum Archivist and is manager at the Edmonton Military Museum.

**Jack '80** lives in Thunder Bay. He and his wife Holly are parents of three children. Jack is a psychiatrist, working in Community Mental Health services at Lakehead Psychiatric Hospital. Jack has many papers published and attends seminars in Canada, USA and has a forthcoming one in Greece.

Jamie '83 lives in Toronto with wife Lora (Valoppi '84) and their 2 young sons. Jamie is the EVP for Television Operations-Rogers Media Television – Rogers Broadcasting Limited. In his work, he travels at times to Rogers' stations in Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary and Winnipeg. In 2009, Jamie was invited to speak to the Commerce Club at the University of Windsor in his capacity as a former graduate and now a Chartered Accountant. He is now on the Heritage Trust Board for the restoration of Assumption Church. Each family enjoys sports and music – guitar playing, piano, skiing, downhill and cross-country, Irish dancing, soccer, running, biking, swimming, hockey and basketball. Jack enjoys playing his mandolin in this spare time.

#### Where are they now? Charlton Assumption Grads

(Ed.'s note- Parents, Irene and Robert Charlton have been married for 62 years (2010)

**John '66** and spouse Debra have 3 children: John is a U of W grad and a manager at Imperial Oil Co. in Calgary, AB

**David** '71 and spouse Kathy have 3 children. David is a U of W grad and is an agent and CFP for State Farm Insurance in Learnington, ON.

**Patricia** '74, is married to Dominic Marvelli. They have 2 children. Patricia is a grad of St. Clair College and is a secretary for the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board.

**Robert Jr. '75**, is married with two children, a graduate of U of W and a senior buyer for H.J. Heinz Co. in Learnington, On.

**Rosemary '78**, is married to John Zanutto. Both are U of W grads and have two children.

Rosemary is Director of Institutional Analysis for the University of Windsor.

**Michael '82**, is married to **Lucy DeSousa '83**. They have 3 children. Mike is a U of W grad and a teacher with the Windsor Essex Catholic District School Board.

**Thomas '84**, is married to **Andrea DellaValle '87**. He also is a U of W grad and is an IT Programmer with the Encana Corp. in Calgary, AB.

**Anne '87**, is married to **David O'Brien '87**, a lawyer and they have two children. They are both U of W grads and live in Toronto.



# NEWS OF NOTE



If you're looking to pick an argument, then Assumption College is the place to go. The high school's debating team is on a roll, having dominated the competition and won the 3rd annual Richard Peddie High School Winter Debate Tournament, sponsored by the University of Windsor's Odette School of Business recently. Despite the large field of 34 teams and nearly 150 competitors, Assumption swept team and individual awards. In the past three years, Assumption has won six of nine tournament championships.

Coach and business teacher Jeremy Bracken is now putting together a team to travel later this month to the annual debating contest put on by the University of Toronto, where participants in the "parliamentary-style" competition are expected to number in the hundreds of teams from schools across Ontario and Canada.

"This tournament was not a qualifier but it was the biggest in this corner of the province," said Bracken. "In Toronto it's going to be tough. There's going to be a lot of competition."

The Assumption debating club is made up of 28 students broken into seven teams of four each. And, lest you think debating is merely having your say at your opponent's expense, there actually is extensive training involved.

Kaitlyn Meloche, a member of the first-place overall Assumption team made up of four Grade 10 students, said that, just as in any competitive endeavour, practice makes perfect and strategy is involved. She said her forte is public speaking. Critical thinking, the ability to analyze your own and your opponent's case for weakness or contradiction, is also a skill that can be learned and practised.

"One of the most important skills is talking without using verbal crutches," she Meloche, "without uhms or ahs or using 'like'. So being strong in public speaking is an asset. Even if your argument is better than your opponent's, if they're better public speakers, they'll often win."

A good general knowledge of politics, current events and culture is also essential. A strong team should include members who have different strengths in all areas so that they can then work together as a team to defeat their opponent's arguments. It's also important to use wit and humour, said Meloche.

"We were humorous and able to engage the audience," said Meloche, referring to one debate in which her team tried to prove the premise that parents are embarrassing. "We got them to listen to us and we won. You could feel it in the room. While we were making out points with humour people were listening. But when the other side was being serious, the energy in the room went way down."

Teammate Norman Nehmetallah said the debates are divided into three areas, introduction, rebuttal and conclusion, and it helps to have teammates who can specialize. If one team member is more excitable and aggressive, it's good to have one who is more calm. Not all topics for debate are fun or light. You may also be called upon to solve the abortion debate.

He said the team never knows what side it's going to be on. Typically, they are given a topic and told whether they will be pro or con. Then they are given a half hour to prepare and marshall their arguments. It makes no difference, he said, what your personal politics or views might be. If you are stuck arguing the case for a given premise, then that is the position you must take.

Bracken said he will pick the top debaters for competition from those who join the club. But he will also actively recruit those students whose academic performance, speaking skills and personality seem to fit.

"A strong debater will possess a good balance of logic, presentation, conceptual skills and a deep awareness of current events and social issues," he said.

"Any student who can dissect an argument and see both sides of the coin has an inherent advantage.



Pauline Kenney & Laurie Browning Ever faithful and capable volunteers

#### Father Cullen Returns to Anglin House:

"Thank you to all who continued to call or write. God bless you all. Please keep praying for me. I am back at Anglin House and can be reached at 416-964-0329 (this is a personal line) or Anglin House office at 416-926-9325. I would be very happy to have you visit me. Please call ahead. Anglin House is in downtown Toronto, one block away from the Ontario Government offices on Bay and Wellesley Sts. Fr. Cullen's address is 95 St. Joseph St., Toronto, Ont. M5S 2R9



Rick '74 & Lil '75 Dumouchelle visit Fr. Ron with John Ashworth '74 and wife Doris

# O B I T U A R I E S

From **Edward A. Adamic, '47** "I wish to inform you of my brother's passing. His name was **William Francis Adamic**, and he graduated from Assumption High School around 1952, and Assumption College around 1956--I am sorry that I do not have any records of the exact dates, although I know that they are close to the dates noted.

My brother was born on Aug. 9, 1934. He attended St. Genevieve elementary school in Windsor before going to Assumption. He moved to California in 1960, and lived most of his life in San Diego. He never married.

His passing was a shock to all of us. He was having health problems off and on last fall, but nothing serious was diagnosed during that time. After having various tests in early December, an irregularity showed up on his lungs, so he was admitted to the hospital on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. There was a biopsy taken, and it showed cancer in both lungs--his kidney was also not functioning. The cancer was a very aggressive and rare type, and it was not treatable.

We were told by the doctors on Dec.  $25^{\text{th}}$ , that he was failing quickly, and said that we would have to come down immediately if we wanted to see him alive. Our granddaughter Brandy made the arrangements on line on Dec. 26th, and my wife Fran and I, along with our daughter Barbara, flew out on the morning of Dec. 27th, arriving in San Diego at 11:30 am. Our nephew lives in San Diego, and we were so grateful to him for all he did to help us find our way around the city--we went right to the hospital, where my brother was heavily sedated, and had a breathing tube down his throat as well as 9 bottles of medication connected to his body. His eyes were closed and he was unable to communicate all the time we were

there. We went back to the hospital on Monday, Dec. 28, at which time all of the life support apparatus was removed, after consulting with the doctors--this was in compliance with my bother's wishes not to sustain life if there was a terminal condition involved. He passed away peacefully after one hour.

We staved in San Diego the whole week, returning to Detroit on Monday evening, Jan. 4, around 10 pm. While in San Diego we were quite busy, cleaning out his apartment, and contacting whoever was available during the holiday week, his bank, financial advisor, social security, post office, etc.--various of the contacts had closed their offices, and follow up had to be made after we got home. Mv brother was cremated, and his remains were shipped directly to the White Chapel cemetary in Troý, MI. for interment, arriving on Jan. 11. My bother had made and paid for all arrangements for his funeral quite a few vears ago. We will have the family attend the interment service at the mausoleum, and then a few weeks later, after we coordinate arrangements, we will have a memorial service, including a mass at our church, St. Louise de Marillac, in Warren, Michigan.

My brother and I were the only siblings in our family--he was 75 years old when he died, and he is 4 years younger than me. He had a successful and fulfilling career in the banking industry, retiring in 1994. "Uncle Willy", as he was known to all of his nieces and nephews, will be painfully missed; his love, support and generosity were a constant throughout his life. He also leaves behind many relatives in the United States, Canada, and Slovenia, the birthplace of his parents. Willy, or Bill, as he was more commonly referred to by his friends, was known for his keen intellect, sharp wit, and endearing sense of humor. **BALINT, David Douglas '76**, passed away suddenly on December 15, 2009 at 51 years of age. Loving and devoted father of Jaimie, Jordan and Daniel. Cherished Grandpa of Kailyne, Bjorn and Calvin. Beloved son of Doug and



son of Doug and Elsie Balint. Treasured brother of Cathi McWilliams, Dianne Sheridan, Greg & Noreen, Rob & Marjie. Dearest nephew of Goldene Cinat. He will be sadly missed by his many nieces and nephews. Dear friend of Rob & Aletha McLean and their daughter Robin. Dave was the former vice-president of Technology at Hallmark Tools and also a former partner of BTM Tooling Inc. Dave, your presence is already greatly missed, especially your infectious smile, your passion for golf, music and good food. You will forever be in our hearts.



**DEL PUP, Rose '79** passed away peacefully with her loving family by her side on August 14, 2009 at the age of 48 years. Loving daughter to Edda and the late Achille Del Pup (1997). Cherished sister to Lino '85

sister to Lino '85 and wife Katherine Del Pup. Beloved niece to Cesare and wife Gina Turrin and many aunts, uncles and cousins in Italy. Dearest cousin and best friend to Lauretta Di Ponio and cousins Danny, Sandra, Nancy, Mary, Marc, Julie and Cher. Rose was a former employee at Hiatus House.



**Reverend Lawrence Mark Janisse C.S.B** '**46**, died peacefully in his sleep January14, 2010. Father Larry was born May 2, 1926 in Sandwich (Windsor) Ontario, one of four boys born to Armand and Ida Marie (Genest) Janisse. He attended St. Francis elementary school and while there took music lessons and was part of the school orchestra which was made up of teachers and students. Later at Assumption College School, he was a member of the High School Band. After graduating from Assumption College School in 1946, Larry entered the Basilian Novitiate in Rochester, N.Y. He made his first profession of vows August 15, 1947. After receiving his B.A. degree from Assumption University, he taught French in Toronto and in Windsor. In 1953 Larry began theological studies at St. Basil's Seminary in Toronto and was ordained to the priesthood in 1958, by James Cardinal McGuigan in St. Basil's Church, Toronto. During that summer he served as Chaplain at Sunnybrook Military Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital, Toronto. Father Larry has served in various parishes over a period of thirty-nine years, ministering to the people of Assumption and Blessed Sacrament Churches, Windsor; St.

Basil's Church, Ottawa; St. Mary's Church, Owen Sound; Assumption Church, Lethbridge and St. John the Baptist Church, Amherstburg. In 1998 experiencing problems with his vision, Father Larry retired to the Basilian Fathers Community at Assumption College School. There, again he devoted his energies to visiting the sick, and entertaining the elderly and infirm in nursing homes with his musical talents and story telling skills. He had a circle of musically gifted friends who loved to join him in playing for various church audiences, clubs and nursing facilities. He will be fondly remembered for his humour and devoted service to the hospitalized. When further problems with his vision developed Larry retired to the Basilian Residence at Anglin House, Toronto. He was an inspiration to all as he continued to remember his family, friends and confreres through his devotion to the Rosary and his interest in the various Basilian apostolates. Father Lawrence Janisse was predeceased by his brothers Alphonse and Francis and is survived by his brother Raymond and wife Dolores and sister-in-law Marie and many nieces and nephews. Contributions may be made to the Basilian Fathers Retirement Fund, 95 St. Joseph St., Toronto, ON., M5S 3C2.

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FRACAS, GINO '48 - It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of our beloved Gino on October 29, 2009 at 79 years of age. Loving husband of Leona after 54 years of marriage. Cherished father of Mark '74 and Donna '80 (Mailloux), Michael and Mary Ann, Gina '79, Paul '81 and Dawn '81 (Higgins) and Donna '82 and John Renda. Loving and proud grandpa of Joseph and Daniel Renda, James and Natalie Fracas and Christina Fracas. Dear brother-in-law of Walter, Alf and George. Many loving cousins also survive in Canada and Italy. Gino was honoured in 1983 by the Giovanni Caboto Club as the Italian of the Year. Gino played football for Assumption High School in Windsor (1947-49), Western Mustangs (1951-54) where he was on the All-Star team in 3 of 4 years, leading scorer in OQAA for 2 seasons and the Most Valuable Player in 1954. From there he moved on to the Edmonton Eskimos of the Canadian Football League from (1955-62) and played both as fullback and linebacker. He was involved in 3 Grey Cup Games in 1955, 1956, 1960 winning 2 and losing 1. Gino was Co-Captain and Defensive signal caller in 1961 and 1962. After the Eskimos Gino became the Head Coach of University of Alberta Golden Bears (1963-66) and won 3 of 4 league championships. He coached the Bears to victory at the Golden Bowl vs. Queen's University in Edmonton (1963) and was involved in the first official College Bowl Game vs. University of Toronto in Toronto (1965). He decided to come home to Windsor and became the first Head Coach of University of Toronto in Toronto (1965). He decided to come home to Windsor and became the first Head Coach of University of Windsor Lancers (1968-86). At Windsor the Lancers were CCIFC Champions (1969), OUAA Co-Champions (Yates Cup) in 1975. Gino was the Coach of the Year in West Section of the QUAA in 1976 and 1977. He FRACAS, GINO '48 - It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of our beloved Gino on October

(1969), OUAA Co-Champions (Yates Cup) in 1975. Gino was the Coach of the Year in West Section of the OUAA in 1976 and 1977. He was especially proud to be selected by Peers as Head Coach of CIAU All-Star Team which played in Second Annual Can-Am Bowl Game in Tampa, Florida (1979). He was an original member C.A.F.A Drawmaster Canadian Wrestling Championships in 1967 – 78 at the1976 Montreal Olympics and the 1978 Commonwealth and World Games. Gino served as Vice-President of the Canadian Football Coaches Association in 1969-70.Three awards have been named in his honour. A national award the CIS presents the Gino Fracas Award to the top volunteer assistant coach in university football. The University of Windsor began presenting the Gino Fracas Award to the outstanding Lancer coach-of-the-year in 1987. Last Year, the Lancer football team began the Gino Fracas Wall of Honour to remember the outstanding personnel to come through the program. "The Coach" is a member of six hall of fames including the Windsor/Essex County Sports Hall of Fame, University of Windsor Alumni Sports Hall of Fame and University of Western Ontario W Club Athletic Hall of Fame, The University of Alberta Wall of Fame the Alberta Hall of fame and Museum and the OUAA Football Legends Hall of Fame. Coach Fracas will always be loved and remembered for mentoring countless students and athletes for over 50 years. Gino will forever be known for his honesty and integrity he displayed all throughout his life.



DOUMANI, Valerie Charlene '86 with family by her side, peacefully but unexpectedly in Toronto on Jan 13, 2010; loving daughter of Joseph '61 and Vivian Doumani, dear sister to Alex '84

(Samantha) of Cambridge, Peter of Winnipeg, Theresa (John) of Windsor, Desiree (Jeff) of Ruscom, predeceased by baby sister Michelle Jane (1973). Loving Aunt to five nephews and one niece. Cherished God Daughter to Valerie Lefebvre, Valerie also graduated from St. Clair College and held a honours degree from the University of Windsor; at the time of her death Val was pursuing a masters degree in Critical Disability Studies at York University. In spite of her limitations Val worked hard in Windsor for accessibility practises. Val had been a tireless volunteer for many Windsor cultural festivals and a partner in the NDP Party. Val was known to have many friends in Toronto and Windsor and a special friend of MaryEllen whom she adored as if she was family.



EAGEN, Shawn Thomas Winston '83, of Washington, MI passed away unexpectedly at his home on Aug. 19, 2009. He is survived by his loving wife Shelly, his son Matthew, brothers: Kerry (Debbie) and Michael (Barb), sisters: Sheila (Jim) Pyne,

Kathleen Eagen, Kelly deJong, Sharon (Rick) Parent and Shannon (Sean) Gallaway. He is also survived by a large extended family from the Windsor area. He was preceded in death by his parents, Rosalind & Winston Eagen.

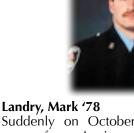
LAKE, Robert Joseph, '49 passed away November 28, 2009 with his partner and best friend, Joyce at his side in Phoenix, Arizona. He will be sadly missed by

daughter, Candace Foster (Larry); grandson, Ben Foster (Stacy) and great grandsons, Aiden and Aaron Foster. Robert was formerly a Windsor Police constable. A memorial funeral service was held in Phoenix, Arizona.



ALLEN, THOMAS '66 BEDARD, WILLIAM Sr. – Father of Paul '79 and Laurie Grani '77 BOLDT, HENRY "HANK" – husband of Jan Boldt, retired secretary COURTLAND, DANA '82 LANE, THOMAS – Father of Bill '90 and Sean '92 LIMARZI, Emilia – Mother of Bruno '72, Grandmother of Emily '05 MARINACCI, Connie - Mother of Hector '59, John '64, Nona of Dale '82 and Kristin '89 WARD, FR. JOHN C.S.B., YOELL, IRMGARD wife of Stewart Yoell, retired staff member





Suddenly on October 19, 2009 at 49 years of age. Loving son of Rose Landry. Cherished brother of Mike and wife Vicky, Vince, Don, Diane wife of the late Doug Peterson (2008), DJ and husband John Virban. Also survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins. Mark was a proud Police Officer with the Windsor Police Services for 19 years, serving many years as a V.I.P. officer. He was an active basketball player with the Windsor Lancers. If you so desire, donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

HAGGARTY, JOHN, JEROME (Jerry) died peacefully at home surrounded by his beloved wife of 54 years Theresa (Power), his loving children Suzanne Haggarty '74, Barbara Haggarty Hebert '76 (Paul), Kathleen Haggarty '77 (Robert Gorman), Jack Haggarty '80 (Holly Tsun), and Jamie Haggarty '83 (Lora Valoppi '84) on Sunday, August 9, 2009 in his 79th vear Charitable donations may be made to the London Health Science Foundation Cancer Care, or the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

# O B I T U A R I E S



McISAAC, Rose-Marie 1924 - 2010 Died on February 18th, 2010 after a brief illness with cancer. She was the wife of her late husband James (1972) and the sister of her late "brother dear" Leslie Cunningham (2002). She is survived by her sister-in-law Therese Cunningham, nieces Michelle Cunningham-Langevin (Bill) and Colette Cunningham-Reimann (Ken), great-nephew Jeremie Langevin and greatnieces Dominique, Stephanie and Valerie Cunningham-Reimann. Aunt RM will be sadly missed by all family members for her spiritual inspiration, positive outlook on life and continued encouragement in all our endeavours. Kathy Dunn (Barrie, Ont.) will also greatly and sadly miss her beloved friend, mentor and confidante. Rose-Marie taught at Forster High School, Maryvale, St. Mary's Academy, Assumption High School, St. Charles College (Sudbury) and returned to Assumption High School, (Windsor) and Holy Names High School until her retirement. She will be remembered as a thoughtful, pragmatic, unflappable, quietly empathetic person who enjoyed a good laugh, and who became a mentor to many. Rose-Marie was instrumental in the foundation of the lay associates among the Basilian Congregation of priests. She was among the first group of people who made their commitment to follow the Basilian Way of Life in Port Burwell in 1981. Over the years she served the Basilian family in many ways, especially by her presence, by her devotion to all things Basilian, and by her love. Rose-Marie was introduced to Centering Prayer (Contemplative Prayer) about 20 years ago. It became a very important part of her life and ministry especially in her retirement years. Over the years' she was not only faithful to the practice of Centering Prayer herself, she taught Centering Prayer, and also mentored people who with her, were instrumental in teaching it, - in sharing the gift. Her dedication led to the development of Contemplative Outreach in Southwestern Ontario to offer help and resources dedicated to helping people deepen their relationship with God through Centering Prayer. Her volunteer activities included serving at the Soup Kitchen on Christmas Day as well as helping out at Holy Family Retreat House in Oxley. Rose-Marie will be greatly missed by her many friends who have been and will be united with her in prayer.



THIBEAULT, Heather Katherine, '89. With great sorrow and s a d n e s s o u r precious Heather p a s s e d a w a y suddenly following a short battle with a rare form of cancer. "Goodbye our Sweet Darling" H e a th e r, O u r

beloved Mother, Daughter, Sister, Aunt, Cousin and Friend, We Will Always Love and Miss you. Heather is survived by her loving daughter, Hanna Gloria McGraw, beloved mother Gloria Ann Rivait, father Maurice Thibeault, brother Mark Thibeault, sister Elizabeth Muldoon, brother-in-law Curtis Muldoon, Aunt Geri Watson, adoring nephews Gary Ryan Blanchard, and Anthony Joseph Fera. Cousins David, Diane, Donald, Drew Watson, aunt Sue and uncle John Langlois, cousins John Jr., Neil, Elizabeth, Patricia, Nicole, Angela, Robert, Tom and Marc Langlois. Aunt Jo-Anne, Michael, Lori Ann Thibeault, uncle Ray, Wendy Robbi, Steven Thibeault. Uncle Yvon, Max, Paul and Jay Thibeault. Thank you friends Mark and Nancy Robson, Linda Hebert, Denise and Rachelle. Thank you to the Doctors and Compassionate Nursing Staff at Learnington, Hotel Dieu and London Victoria Hospital. Heather was a graduate of Assumption High School, and the University of Windsor. Heather was a remarkable Mother and Friend and will be missed for the rest of our days. "God Rest Her Soul".

#### John Henry Yoe Jr. '55

John Henry Yoe Jr., died at his home on Friday, January 15, 2010. Yoe, who succumbed after a heroic, eight-year struggle with lung cancer, was surrounded by his daughters, family, and his wife of 53 years, the former Patricia Stevens of St. Clair Shores, Michigan at the time of his death. John Yoe was born on August 31, 1936. An example of Yoe's extraordinary dedication to police service came one laté October night in 1968 when a woman drove her car into the freezing waters of Lake St. Clair. Without hesitation, Yoe dove into the water as the woman's car was sinking. He forced open her car door and pulled the woman to safety. For that act, he was awarded a citation from the Michigan House of Representatives, and named Policeman of the Month. He was decorated numerous times as an officer for his sharp-shooting skills. He studied law at Wayne State University in Detroit, and, in spite of a fear of heights, became an accomplished pilot. Memory contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan 5177 West U.S. 10, Suite 2, Ludington, MI 49431, or the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital, 100 Michigan NE NC-004, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Thomson, Bill '44 a retired business owner and prominent member of Windsor's basketball community for more than 50 years, died at age 83 of heart failure. "He loved basketball," his son Paul Thomson said. "He was one of the first to coach women's basketball in the area. In 1971, his team won a gold medal at the Saskatoon Winter Games. "In 1952, Thomson's wife, Sis, asked him to coach a group of women who used to play for Sandwich Collegiate. Thomson coached the team to numerous titles over the next 25 years, including the Ontario Intermediate A championship in 1958, '59, and '60 and the Ontario and Eastern Canadian titles in '64, '67 and '69. Under his direction, the team also won a Canadian senior B title in 1964. "He was generous, charitable and well-respected," Paul Thomson said.

Bill Thomson, a member of the Windsor-Essex County Sports Hall of Fame, owned Thomson Produce, a poultry business in Windsor. When they traveled to basketball tournaments, the players would often raise money by hawking chickens to bar patrons. When he was asked to coach Ontario at the Winter Games, Thomson was reluctant to accept the job. The rules called for him to assemble an all-star team and many of the players from other parts of the province "weren't very fond of me," he said in an interview in 2008. "We'd been beating them for years and now I was putting them through three-hour practises. It wasn't a pleasant situation." Thomson started his basketball career in high school playing for both Sandwich Secondary and Assumption High School before training as an Air Gunner with the

before training as an Air Gunner with the Canadian Air Force at age 18. In 1944, he played with the London Senior Basketball league while attending the University of Western Ontario, before returning to Windsor to attend Assumption College. From 1945-48, Thomson played for coach Stan Nantais on the Junior Varsity Crusaders.

After graduation, he played twice a week in a senior league in Detroit. In 1958, he began coaching the Pillsworth Sportland Aces Women's team, leading them to a number of regional, provincial and national championships. Before retiring from the game, he

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from the game, he played 25 years in the Windsor and district league and, for 20 years, participated in Masters Competitions. He shared his knowledge of basketball through his coaching efforts with the Central United Church Men's team which won three c i t y - w i d e championships and became the Ontario Church Basketball Men's Intermediate

IN MEMORIAN Champions twice.

# O B I T U A R I E S



#### LIMARZI, Rosemary Therese (nee Szilva)

Passed from the loving arms of her family and welcomed into the arms of God on December 23, 2009 at 48 years of age.

years of age. Best friend and beloved wife of 25 years to Bruno Limarzi '72. The world's greatest mom and deeply loved by Emily 705 and Laura (presently attending Assumption High). Cherished daughter of Ted and Betty Szilva and daughter-in-law of the late' Emilia and Silvio Limarzi. Most recently, Rosemary was Communications Coordinator for the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board. Prior to that she held several positions, including Executive Assistant to the CEO of Hotel-Dieu Grace Hospital, Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police for the Town of LaSalle, court reporter for the Ministry of the Attorney General, and as a secretary at the City of Windsor, City Clerk's Office. Rosemary also worked as a secretary at Assumption College and Holy Names High Schools. At the same time, Rosemary gave generously of her time and talents as a community volunteer. She served as a Board member for the Hotel-Dieu Grace Hospital Foundation, Board member for the Windsor-Essex Board of Health, Board member for the Ontario College of Optometrists, and Chaired the Accessibility Committee for the City of Windsor. Rósemary also served four years on the Assumption College High School Council, two of those as co-chair. If you so desire donations to the Windsor Regional Cancer Centre or the Hotel-Dieu Grace Hospital Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

RYAN, Thomas A.P. '48, passed away in his 81st year with his loving family at his side, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He was the loving husband of 60 years and best friend of Frances (Marion). Tom was a proud Assumption graduate, class of 1948. He loved attending the Assumption reunions including his 50<sup>th</sup> reunion during his illness. He was the dear father of Bridget Ryan (1974) and David Markle and Kelly Ryan (1979) and Daniel Marcil. He was the loving grandfather of Emma Markle. Tom was the retired plant manager of BASF Coatings Division in Windsor, Ontario. He was Past National President of the Industrial Management Clubs of Canada and Past President and honourary life member of the Industrial Accident Prevention Association of Ontario. He was very active in his parish of St. Martin de Porres in Windsor where he served in most lay capacities including director of the Catéchumenate.



**MONTAGUE, Richard '88** died suddenly on March 8, 2010 at the age of 40. He leaves behind his family Danielle, Madison and Braeden Montague and Lisa Schneider. Treasured son of Patricia and David Latouf. Loved brother of

Tracy Mullen. He will be sadly missed by his nieces Cheyenne, Chloe and Bryanna and nephew Barry Richard. Richard was a union steward for CAW local 444 Chrysler Canada for 7 years. He was a pitcher for Average Joe's and In-field

Triples teams.



CHARBONNEAU, Fr. Paul A.'40 was welcomed home into the arms of the Lord on March 22, 2010, after being cared for by his Brentwood Family. Fr. Paul was born on July 3, 1922, son of A l p h i e Charbonneau &

Anna Gignac. Survived by his sister, Helen Pratt of Windsor (Gordon Pratt), (d. 1994), Fr. Robert A. Charbonneau of Maidstone. After graduating from Assumption College High School, he entered St. Peter's Seminary in London, and was ordained to the priesthood on May 22, 1948. He served as parish priest/ pastor at Our Lady of Mercy, Sarnia: Ste. Anne's, Tecumseh, and then served as Air Force Chaplain in Germany for five years. On his return, he was assigned to Sacred Heart in LaSalle: St. William's in Emeryville and at Most Precious Blood in Windsor. Father Paul has dedicated the last forty-five years plus, to Brentwood, and has been instrumental in changing the lives of many families from this area and beyond. Fr. Paul has been the recipient of many awards; The 1977 Canadian Silver Jubilee Award, Doctor of Law Degree from the University of Windsor in 1988, The Order of Ontario 1989, Queen's Confederation Medal 1992, Windsor Achiever of the Century 2000, Golden Jubilee Medal 2002, The Ontario Medical Association Award 2005, and was named Honorary Member of various local service clubs, such as the Rotarians, Local 880 Teamsters, and Windsor Police Association. Fr. Paul, you will forever remain in our hearts. Your life of service to your fellow man will not be forgotten, Rest in Peace.



**PAZIK**, **Rev. Ronold S., CSB** On Monday, November 30th, 2009 at Hotel Dieu-Grace Hospital. Beloved son of the late Zygmunt and Emilia Lewicka. Born in Detroit, Michigan on September 8th, 1926 into a family of 5 children: Fr. Adolph Pazik, Harold, Emily and Thomas. He attended Sweetest Heart of Mary, Grade School and Catholic Central High School in Detroit. In August of 1944 he entered St. Basil's Novitiate, Rochester, New York. Fr. Wilfred Sharpe was the Novice Master. He made his First Profession, August 15, 1945. He was appointed to St. Michaels's College, Toronto. In 1946 he was appointed to Assumption College, Windsor. In 1949 he received his B.A. from the University of Western Ontario, London, Ont. Subsequently he was appointed to Aquinas Institute, Rochester, New York (1949 - 1951) teaching Spanish, among other subjects. During that time he also took courses in French and Spanish in evening and over the summer. He returned to Toronto in 1951 to study at St. Basil's Seminary. From 1951 to 1953 he completed his Theological Studies. During that time, he studied at the University of Toronto and received his Master of Arts Degree in 1955. Also during that time, he taught the Western year Spanish at St. Michael's College. His ordination took place on June 29th, 1954, the "Marian Year". He spent a month at St. John the Baptist Church in Amherstburg, just after ordination. From there he returned to Toronto to finish IV year of Theology. In 1955 he was appointed to Assumption University of Windsor (1955 - 1963). From 1963 - 1991 he served at the

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he was appointed to Assumption University of Windsor (1955 - 1963). From 1963 - 1991 he served at the University of Windsor as a Spanish Professor. In 1965 1966 he went to the University of Madrid, Spain where he obtained a "Certificado de Estudios del Doctorado". Retirement came in 1991. He spent that year at St. Michael's College School (Toronto) taking a Theological Renewal in Scripture at the Faculty of Theology in the University of St. Michael's College. After this he returned to Windsor to take up residence at the Basilian Fathers at Assumption College School. Since 2006, he has been an Associate Member of the Basilian Fathers of Assumption Church and a regular presence with his confreres at O'Connor House. Fr. Ron is survived by his nephew Michael Robins, wife Diana, their children and many cousins. Thanks to all his friends, near and far, for all their kindness and support. Thank you to the staff at Windsor Place and Hotel Dieu-Grace Hospital for taking care of Father in his final days. Special gratitude also to Harry and Margaret Walschots for their love and deep affection for their good friend Fr. Ron.

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