

Alumni Newsletter

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A Message from the Chairman

Tony Fisher

The Bishop's Latin School Alumni Association held its third annual fundraising event this past October, 24, 2004. The celebration began with a Latin Mass held at St. Boniface Church. The Mass was concelebrated by Father Lou Vallone, as lead celebrant, along with Father Joseph Henry, S.J. and Father William McGrath, S.J. The beautiful Latin songs were sung by the St. Boniface

Church Choir. This was a very nostalgic evening.



The event continued with dinner at the Teutonia Mannerchor on Troy Hill. The dinner was highlighted by the pres-

entation of the John Cardinal Wright Awards. This year's awardees were Ed Cloonan '66, John Flaherty '72 and Father William McGrath S.J.

The board would like to thank those who attended the event, and all alumni who sent donations. We would like to send a special thanks to Ray Niedenberger '67 for his excellent performance as master of ceremonies.

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Rev. Richard Joseph Colgan, SJ, 80, died on November 25, 2004, at Manresa Hall, Merion Station, Pa.

(Father Colgan was born in Philadelphia, Pa., on September 4, 1924. Following his graduation from St. Thomas More High School in Philadelphia, Father Colgan entered the Society of Jesus at the Novitiate of St. Isaac Jogues, Wernersville, Pa., on September 7, 1942. After taking his first vows on September 8, 1944, he pursued his Juniorate (college) studies at Wernersville, Pa., from 1944 to 1946 and was then sent to study Philosophy at West Baden College, West Baden Springs, Ind., from 1946 to 1949. He was Jesuit for 62 years and a priest for 49 years.



From 1949 to 1952, Father Colgan, as a Jesuit Scholastic, taught English, History and Catechism at Loyola High School, Towson, Md. Following his Regency, he

studied Theology at Woodstock College, Md., from 1952 to 1956, where he helped support the Maryland Province missions in Chile, Burma and India by his work on the Mission Stamp Exchange. He was ordained to the priesthood in the Woodstock College Chapel by the Most Rev. Jerome D. Sebastian, Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore, on June 19, 1955. After completion of his theological studies, Father Colgan made his Tertianship at the Jesuit Martyrs Shine, Auriesville, N.Y., from 1956 to 1957 and pronounced his Final Vows in the Society of Jesus at Loyola High School, Towson, Md., on August 15, 1958.

Father Colgan began his priestly ministry as a dedicated and enthusiastic teacher of Latin and Religion to fresh-

men and sophomores at Loyola High School, Towson, Md., from 1957 to 1962, and then at St. Joseph's Prep in Philadelphia, Pa., from 1962 to 1964. Following a year at Wernersville, where he taught Latin to the Novices, Father Colgan was sent to teach freshman and sophomore Latin and Religion at Bishop's Latin School, Pittsburgh, Pa., from 1965 to 1968.

Always a zealous and generous supporter of Jesuit Missions and missionaries, Father Colgan served as assistant director of the Jesuit Seminary Guild and Mission Bureau and Assistant Province Treasurer for missions for more than 30 years with residence at St. Joseph's College, Philadelphia (1968-1970; 1974-1999) and Loyola College in Baltimore, Md. (1970-1974). From 1982 to 1984, he was also Assistant to the Provincial for Development. Father Colgan was un-

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Fr. Colgan (cont'd)

tiring in his efforts to make Mission appeals, to thank the many benefactors of the Seminary and Mission Fund, to visit the sick and to concelebrate funeral Masses.

In 1999, due to failing health, Father Colgan took up residence at Manresa Hall, Marion, Pa., where he remained dedicated to the mission of praying for the Church and the Society until he died peacefully in the Lord on Novem-

ber 25, 2004.

Memories of Fr. Colgan

Here is a great Father Colgan memory. When I was a sophomore I would occasionally have some anger problems. I once had a relationship issue with a coke machine. It would not dispense so I kicked the crap out of it. Father Colgan caught me and made me apologize to the machine. A very good Prefect of Disci-

pline. I will never forget that moment. He must have secretly been a Buddhist. Skip Shannon can verify the story; he was with me.

Robert J. Connolly

"vivimus ut moriamur", so it is written in my freshman yearbook. Godspeed to the toughest little man I've ever known and one of the wisest.----- Tumlweeds

Brian M Keane

Age 53, on Fri., Dec. 10, 2004, beloved son of the late Norman F. and Florence C. Keane; loving brother of Karen A.(W. Gary) Janes; uncle of Kelly N. and Ryan W. Janes, all of Gaithersburg, MD. Mr. Keane was the former Coordinator for Assessment, Catechism Committee, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and former CCD Director for Ascension Parish, Ingram, PA. Brian was a 1968

Graduate of the Bishop's Latin School. "He had a love for learning and a desire to share the wealth of the church's mission with others especially our youth and young adults," said Fr. Kris Stubna, diocesan secretary for education. "He served the diocese with competence and dedication. He will be missed by all of us who work in Catholic education."

A funeral Mass was celebrated

December 17 at Ascension Church by Bishop Donald Wuerl with Bishops Daniel Dinardo and David Zubic concelebrating Requiescat in pace.



In Loving Memory by Fr. Aaron Kriss

Words cannot express the feelings and thoughts my family and I have with the unexpected death of my brother Fr. David Kriss on Wednesday, October 6. However I do want to express the tremendous love so many people have for him and the great love he has for so many.

On this earth Fr. David lived his life to the fullest. He loved God and being a priest was his greatest desire since childhood. Because of his love for our Lord he would travel many miles to minister to people in happy and sorrowful times. He loved nature and God's creation, history, music, dancing, singing and ethnic festivals. He loved amusement parks, architecture, travel, sightseeing and collecting postcards. Together we visited the fifty United States and a few countries including the Holy Land and Italy. Fr. Dave loved languages and spoke several. He loved to talk and walk and we would take four hour long trek to-

gether. Fr. Dave loved to read, write, pray and meditate. His greatest love was being able to celebrate the Sacraments, especially Mass. Since he was bi-ritual he would celebrate Mass in both the Roman and Byzantine Catholic rite.

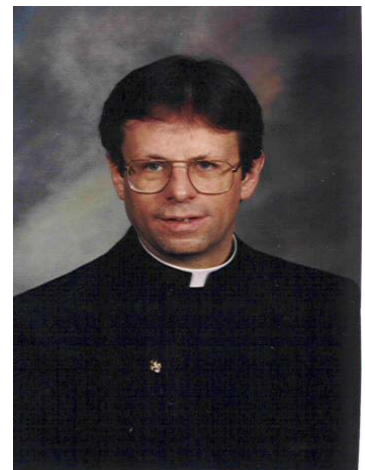
I'll always remember Fr. Dave to be full of energy, youthful, very intelligent, spiritual, humorous. Congenial, adventurous and a great brother and friend.

Please continue your prayers for my brother and my family that Fr. Dave may enjoy eternal happiness and peace in heaven, along with my father, Edmund, and that we will find strength and comfort in our time of grief. As he was a dedicated priest, I'm sure the Lord has greeted him in heaven saying "Well done, my good and faithful servant

Love you forever Dave,
Fr. Aaron Kriss

(On Tuesday, October 5, 2004 Fr. Dave Kriss drove to Mount Saint Mary Semi-

nary in Emmitsburg, Maryland to be with some of his fellow priests to celebrate their 25th anniversary. On Wednesday, October 6, at the beginning of a concelebrated Mass with his friends, he collapsed and died.)



Fr. Greg Brown, OFM Cap — Ordination



Archbishop Sean O'Malley ordains Greg to the priesthood.



Some of Greg's family and friends



Prior to the rite of ordination Greg offers himself to the service of God



Newly ordained Fr. Greg

Third Annual Vocation Awareness Event



Mass at
St. Boniface
Church



Ray Neidenberger & Fr. McGrath



Fr. Henry, Fr. McGrath & John
Flaherty



Ed Cloonan & Fr. Dave Schorr



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◀ Dinner at
The Mannechor Club

How much is the bill!? ▶



Nick Cafardi, BLS '66, To Head Review Board

Nicholas Cafardi, dean of the law school at Duquesne University was appointed the new Chairman of the National Review Board for the protection of children. Bishop Wilton Gregory, at that time president of the national Council of Catholic Bishops, made the announcement on October 15. This board was established 2 years ago to assist



bishops of the United States in dealing with the crisis of sexual abuse of minors within the church. Cafardi is a charter member of this board. He will serve through the conclusion of his term on the board in June 2005.

Bishop Donald Wuerl said he was "delighted" to learn about the appointment of Cafardi as chairman. "He brings an exceptional background to this position with expertise in civil and canon law", Bishop Wuerl

said. " He also has experience in dealing with dioceses on this issue."

Under Cafardi the board will continue to monitor the performance of every diocese under the norms that have been established. In an interview, Nick said, "The charter norms are undergoing review. We've been asked for our suggestions on how they could be made to work better. The board will be working on that. We have a lot of work."

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? ... Fr. Jerry Fitzpatrick, S.J.

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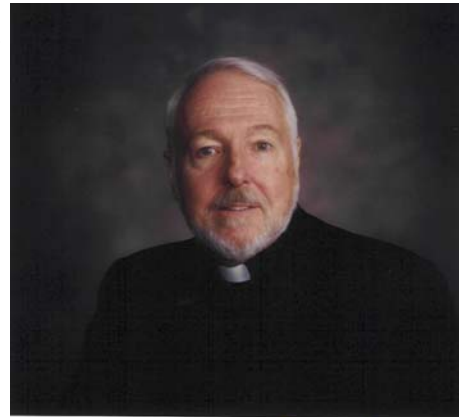
This new column will appear in each newsletter. Each edition will highlight a faculty member and an alumnus from the Bishop's Latin School. Each article will have a brief bio of the individual from BLS to the present. Hope you enjoy.

Fr. Jerry Fitzpatrick, S.J.

Father Fitzpatrick, who was Mister Fitzpatrick while at the Latin School, taught math to freshmen and sophomores, religion to freshmen and juniors, and physical education to all four classes. He was moderator for several extracurricular activities including the BLS bowling team. He was at the Latin School from January 1966

through June 1968.

After his ordination, Father Fitz spent 25 years in Chile, working in schools as a teacher of Religion, English, Computer Science and Philosophy. He was also the head of the Pastoral department, which included Liturgy retreats, social action programs and sacraments for students, teachers and parents. Later, he became superior of the Jesuit community in Valparaiso and taught at the major seminary for the diocese of Valparaiso.



During this tenure as superior, he was also the moderator of "Christian Life Communities" on a local, then national level.

He returned to the United States and was assigned pastor of Holy Name Parish

in Camden New Jersey. He is now spiritual director for all the priests of the diocese of Camden and resides at St. Pius X retreat house in Blackwood, NJ. His e-mail address is jfitzsj@aol.com.

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Please pray for those who have died . . .**Deceased Alumni**

1965
Daniel J. Conn
John E. Heidenreich
Richard J. Pater
Paul J. Schratz (Rev.)
Norman Van Horne

1966
Roger E. Craska
Anthony Lombardozi

1967
John F. Reed
John Yurko

1968
Dennis Clougherty
Paul R. Kraus
Gregory Rybar

Kenneth M. Sauers
Brian M. Keane

1971
David Kriss (Rev.)

1972
Robert H. Scheeser
John Urban

1973
Jeffrey Stokan

Deceased Faculty and Staff

Fr. Richard J. Colgan, S.J.
Fr. F. J. Dougherty, S.J.
Fr. James F. Gallagher, S.J.
Fr. John P. Klein
Fr. George Krieger, S.J.
Fr. J. B. Lanahan, S.J.
Mr. Patrick McShane
Mrs. Delia Reilly
Fr. Vincent Taggart, S.J.

Richard L. (Major) Bennett

Deceased Relatives

Marilyn McKenna, the Sister of
Norbert Sieber ('65)
The Mother of Raymond
Niederberger ('67)
Sis Mackowiak, the Mother of
Msgr. Bill Ogradowski ('67)
Blanche Lewandowski, the
Mother of Dennis ('72) and Fr.
Tom Lewandowski ('74)
Elizabeth Cotter-Santos, the
Sister of Mark Cotter ('72)

Alumni and Relatives Who Are Ill

Mark Cotter ('72)
Cathy McNeilly, the Sister of
Fr. Lou Vallone ('65)

Where are they?

Please help us find some of our "Lost Alumni." We are trying to get our database as complete and accurate as possible. We have no valid address for many of the alumni. If anyone has any information regarding alumni please let us know.

Note also that we are looking for the members of the classes of 1974 and 1975, even though they did not graduate due to the closing of BLS.

Please send any information you may happen to have to us by:
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A Message from the Chairman (cont'd)

As we close this year, we reflect the accomplishments that the association has achieved during the past twelve months. We have taken a major step toward working with and associating our organization with the seminarians at St. Paul's Seminary. We sponsored two successful social events that gave our association some community exposure and the opportunity to honor some deserving members of our organization.

Finally, we have begun a complete overhaul of our website.

Christ's birth reminds us that God's immeasurable love for us is good news and cause for great joy. Let us pray that the light of Christ's love will shine brightly on us and our loved ones. During this holiday season, let us rekindle our commitment to our mission. Please remember all our alumni, especially

those in religious life all seminarians and those who feel the calling. May God bless you and your families during this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year.

Tony Fisher