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First BLS Fund Raiser a Success

This is a very special issue of the BLS Alumni Association NewsLetter. We are happy to be able to publish our report on our recent fund raiser which is really a "Thank You" dedicated to all who helped to make it a success.

The Fund Raiser

A Dinner and Tour of Saint Anthony's Chapel, sponsored by the BLSAA, was held on the evening of March 2, 2002. Though all the returns are not in as yet, we will have a net profit of about four thousand nine hundred dollars (\$4990.00). We served one hundred and fifty dinners to many new and old friends of the Latin School, including Alumni.

The most frequently heard comment among our guests was that the meal was exceptionally outstanding. Compliments covered every aspect of our German meal, from the main entrée (pork loin), to the sour kraut, to the fact that the food was



St. Anthony Chapel

served hot! We thank guests for their kind comments. To these comments, the Alumni want to add their own gratitude and appreciation for the work of our Chief Chefs, Rick Dzubinski and Greg Jelinek, both members of MHN Parish were assisted by Bill Keller's wife, Mary, Margaret Leo, Mary Dzubinski, Sharon

Vlakancic. Many others helped out during the meals, including Steve and Anita Byers, Gary Gayda, Tony Fisher, Pat Joyce, Bill Keller, Mike Wallisch, Steve Heimer and Tom Howeter of St. Mary of the Mount.

The special door prize was won by Fred Cameron. At each meal a Fifty-fifty was held and we are very grateful to the winners who were kind enough to remember the BLS organization in their moment of luck. Thank you all kindly!

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A Message from the Chairman

Rev. W. David Schorr

It has been a privilege to serve this past year as Chairman of the Alumni Board. I have spoken with many of you in the course of this past year about the future of our group! In our times when there are so many things pressing in on us

to take our time, it has been difficult to bring many of you together to encourage the hopes and dreams of the alumni association. Fr Henry and I have many times hoped that we could get more of you involved! We do have very nice dinner meetings

with good food and good conversation! And all of us who worked on the Tour/Dinner at St Anthony's Chapel enjoyed working with each other!

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Please pray for those who have died . . .

Jeffrey Stokan '73 [+1996]
 Anthony Lombardozzi, '66. [+2000]
 Father, Festus, of
 Ed Cloonan '65
 Brother, Frank, of
 Fr. John Sweeney, '65.
 Father, Leonard, of
 Robert Lizik, '68
 Father, Henry, of
 Fr. Henry Krawczyk, '70.

Please pray for those who are ill...

John Urban, '72.
 Mother, Virginia, of Ed Cloonan, '65
 Mother, Marie, of Fr. Jim Ditillo, S.J., '65
 Mother, Florence, of Fr. David Schorr, '65
 Sister, Patty, of Fr. David Schorr, '65.
 Sister, Cathy McNeilly, of Fr. Lou Vallone, 65.
 Mother, Bee, of Pat Joyce, '67
 Aunt, Ann Folcarelli, of Pat Joyce, '67
 The nephew, John, (age 7), of Mark Cotter, '72

Did you know that . . .

Fathers Dave Schorr, Lou Vallone and John Sweeney, all graduates of the first class of BLS, 1965, recently celebrated the **Twenty-Ninth Anniversary** of their ordination to the Priesthood which took place on **May 5, 1973. Congratulations!**

Fr. Bob Zadjel, also a member of the class of '65, is a priest of the Pittsburgh Diocese; he was ordained in **1980**.

Fr. Jim Ditillo, S.J., likewise a '65 grad, is a priest and member of the Society of Jesuits (Jesuits); he was ordained in **1974** and now stationed in Baltimore, MD.

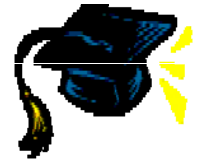
Some may not know that we also have an alumnus serving the Church as a Diocesan priest in Georgia. **Fr. Ed Thein, '71**, is a priest of the **Archdiocese of Atlanta** and stationed at Holy Family Church, 3401 Lower Roswell Road in Marietta, GA, 30068.

Bob Lizik, '68, attended Duquesne University and then was recruited by the **Pennsylvania State Police** in which he is now beginning his thirtieth year. He has spent the intervening years in supervising criminal investigation units and internal affairs units. He is now **Lieutenant/Commander of the Clarion Barracks**. Married twenty-five years this fall, he and his wife, **Jan**, two children, a son, **Rob**, a senior in high school, and a ten year old daughter, **Julie**, reside in Kittanning, PA.

John Hornyak, '70, is still employed at Wheeling Jesuit College and was recently promoted to **Director of Distance Learning**.

As most of you know, anyone who "spent time" at BLS is considered as a member of the Alumni Association. Contact has been established with **Dave McAuley, '65**, a three year veteran at the Latin School. He lives in McLean, Virginia, with his wife, **Laura**, and their two children **Randall** and **Mia** and he is in the software business.

An interesting note: contact with Dave came about because he heard an interview which was broadcast over **National Public Radio** (WDUQ Duquesne U. locally) with two priests regarding the problems faced by the Church today. One of the priests happened to be our very own **Fr. Lou Vallone, '65**, with whom Dave then made contact.



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Members of the Alumni Board and other Alumni as well also gave unsparingly of their time, effort and help in various ways, financial as well as physical, in spreading the news about the affair and selling tickets. To them we are indeed most grateful. We will not ruin the guessing game by telling you what percentage of the attendees came from St. Mary of the Mount Parish. We will say, however, that the Pastor (Fr. Lou Vallone) and his Office Manager (Skip Hary) did themselves proud!

To our Host Parish and all its entire staff, beginning with its Pastor, Fr. Dave Schorr, who is also the Chairman of the Board of the Alumni, we owe a large debt of gratitude as well as to Sr. Margaret Liam, S.A., Assistant Director of St. Anthony's Chapel and Mr. Bill Ev-

ans for handling the tours of the Chapel, to the Secretaries, Ellie and Marge, who were frequently interrupted by and gave much help to, the Moderator of the Alumni, to Bill Pope, Director of Maintenance, and his son, Michael, and Pat Tevis; to all of these the BLS Alumni offer their grateful appreciation.



Special Announcement

During the course of our work in preparing for the fund raiser, we

did manage to locate a number of "lost" alumni and friends. One among this number said that it was impossible for him to attend the affair but that he was interested in our goals of working to foster vocations to the priesthood and the religious life and helping the Church in any other way. He said that he would like to make a donation and that he

would put a check in the mail for five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00)! When I stopped for a second breath, the reply came: "Well, sometimes when you go fishing, you catch something!" This anonymous gift has not been included in the financial report on the Dinner and Tour. The Alumni wish to express to the donor their most sincere appreciation for his very generous support and promise him of a remembrance in our prayers. Our last, but by no means the least, point! Let us also take this opportunity to assure all of you, alumni and friends, who attended or helped in so many ways, that you too will have special place in our prayers.

If anyone happened to miss our ads and ticket sellers but would still like to help the work of the alumni in fostering religious vocations, please feel free to send in your donation to:
 BLS Alumni Association
 1700 Harpster Street
 Pittsburgh PA 15212-4393
 JEH,SJ

A Message from the Chairman

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There a lot of good men who went to the Latin School!

We do hope to have an impact on vocations in our area and in the area in which you live! We believe that there are many out there who are being called to special service in the church as priests or deacons but they are having a hard time hearing because of a lack of voices saying that it is possible in the 2000s to commit oneself to the ordained ministry! We hope you can help us by giving your witness! We hope in this next year to clarify for you our hopes for a vo-



cation scholarship and mentor program among high school aged young men and we hope many of you can be involved!

We are going through very difficult times with all the scandals that priests have been involved with! Both the priests and the victims need our prayers for healing in their lives! Please pray especially for all the priest alumni from BLS. Your prayers will be very supportive for our ministry! And I assure you that you are in our prayers!

And if you are ever in the Troy Hill area please feel free to call and drop by with family or friends

for a grand tour of St Anthony's Chapel and our beautiful rectory! There are even a couple of good restaurants on Troy Hill, The Brewery and Billy's Bistro!

Please consider becoming more involved in the BLS Alumni Association. You do not need to be in Pittsburgh to get involved! Just send us your e-mail and we'll let you know what's happening after each meeting if you want!

God Bless you and have a great summer with family and friends!

Fr W David Schorr '65
 Chairman

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 the alumni listed below. If anyone has any information regarding these alumni (or any others) 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 telephone at **[412] 231-8606**

or e-mail at

BLSAlum@aol.com

or regular mail at

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Not on the Mailing List???

You can use this form to provide information about yourself or a classmate (especially one of the "missing"). Fax or mail it.

nomen: _____ (Annum:)

via: _____

urbis: _____

publica: _____ codex zipi: _____

epistola electronica: _____

telephonia: _____

facta notabilia de te: _____

In futuro volo te mihi non scribere in lingua latina!

1965

Henry Biedzicki
Robert Franko
Michael O'Shea
Vincent Kovalik
Gerald Molitor
John O'Hara
Dennis Strain

1966

Terence Cronin
William Gregor
Frank Tansey

1967

Frank DiLeo

1968

Daniel Rodgers
Michael Zelenak

1969

Paul Dentel
David Fromm
Kenneth Fusina
Martin Harris
Lawrence Kelly
John O'Leary
Kevin O'Reilly
James Qualters
Douglas Reilly
Thomas Scanlon
Mark Stanisha
William Walter
J. Blaner Wolff

1970

Keith Koll

1971

Steven Simpson
Bernard Stankay

1972

Thomas Davis
John Nagy
David Salkeld
Thomas Swaney
John Trant

1973

Frederick Mills
Michael Nagy
Kevin O'Neil
Michael Papuga
John Perrucci

1974 and 1975

Unfortunately many are missing from these two years. Much help is needed.