

# Alumni Newsletter

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## Bishop's Latin School Alumni Unveil Website

Bishop's Latin School Alumni Association has its own website and can be viewed at **www.blsalum.org**.

Our very sincere thanks to D.J. Trischler, a senior at Shaler High School, who has volunteered to get our site up and running. We think he has done a most excellent job. D.J. has also done websites for Most Holy Name Parish, St. Anthony's Chapel and is working on one for Shaler High School.

The website is up but not yet completed. We do have most of the

site up and running, but remember that there is still much to be added.

Among the items to be seen on the website are: A brief "History" of the school, a short biography of the founder, "John Cardinal Wright", a list of the members of each "Class", a "Calendar" of upcoming events, and other pages of special interest. Other items will be added

regularly on the site as time goes by.



Keeping in touch via modern communications

We plan to publish the names, current addresses, and e-mail addresses of all the alumni in the near future. **If you do not wish to have your address and/or e-mail address published, please let us know by phone, [412] 231-8606, fax [412] 231-7180, or e-mail [jhenrysj@aol.com]**

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## Message from the President

For an all-too-brief period of time from 1961 through 1973 the Bishop's Latin School existed as a collaborative effort of the Diocese of Pittsburgh and the Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits)

to prepare young men for the Catholic priesthood. Following the rigorous classical education perfected by the Jesuits, and with the enthusiastic patronage of our founder, then-Bishop, later Cardinal, John J. Wright, the

Latin School left its indelible mark in the lives of its 363 students, and through us on the parishes and professions we ultimately would serve with distinction. In twelve years the

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so that we can make the necessary adjustments.

We are also requesting that you help us keep current with your information and with information you may have regarding your fellow alumni, especially those who are listed in our "**Where are they now?**" section.

We also ask that you submit **photos** and/or **stories** that you may have about your experiences at the Latin School. Any biographic info will also be appreciated.



BLS Alum staying in touch

"Whatever happened to so and so...?" or "What is so and so doing these days?" are the most often asked questions at the meetings and reunions. Any info you have will be helpful to Fr. Schorr and Gary Gayda who are really trying very hard to keep our database up to date.

So, please get connected, mark the page as a "**Favorite**", and visit the site often, since we will be constantly updating it.

## Alumni Board Meeting

The next meeting of the board will be on Tuesday, January 14, 2003 at 6:00 PM at Most Holy Name Rectory.

As an alumnus, you are most welcome to attend the dinner and meeting, be on the board, offer your suggestions.

An R.S.V.P. is required for the meeting in as much as Fr. Dave has to let his cook know how many to prepare for. Mark your calendar and let him know the week before. (412-231-2994)

## Message from the President

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Bishop's Latin School produced thirty-five graduates who were ordained to the priesthood. This number includes one Bishop, thirty-one Diocesan priests and one who has died. Included also are three religious order priests and two graduates who have been ordained to the permanent diaconate. Two grads are in seminaries today preparing for ordination to the priesthood. From the perspective of these vocations alone the Latin School has made a most significant contribution to the Catholic Church. But the total measure of the value of those thirteen years must be appreciated in the lives



Bishop's Latin School

of all those formative years were rooted in that marvelous common experience that started in Homewood, moved to East Liberty, and ended on Pittsburgh's Southside.

We, the proud graduates and former students of the Latin School, received that gift of our education and formation from 38 outstanding faculty – both Jesuit priests' and lay men and women. In gratitude for that experience, and with the warmest of memories and fellowship, we have voluntarily formed this association.

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Our time and efforts together will be spent in two principal foci: first, to encourage and support vocations to the priesthood and religious life; and second, to strengthen the bond of friendship that we formed in our youth.

We welcome you to join us. Stay in touch electronically via our website. List your e-mail, phone(s) and mailing address. Let us know where a former classmate may be so that we can bring him, too, into our fellowship. And come to one of our functions. It'll be fun...and worth your time.

God bless you and keep you!

Pat Joyce '67  
President

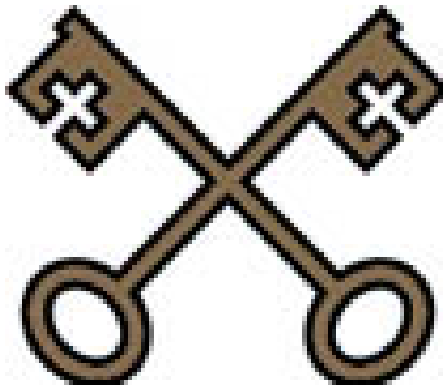
# Proposal for BLS Alumni Vocations Awareness and Support Project.

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We have raised funds for the purpose of supporting awareness and response to vocations to the diocesan priesthood specifically those in early to late adolescence. This is our primary focus, although we are open to all ancillary byproducts of this task (religious vocations, later audience, etc.)

Sociologists have ascertained that the seed bed of such consideration of vocation is the family first and within the context of one's worshipping community or local parish. Here is the first line of concentration for us to pursue our mission.

Within parishes in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, there are many Vocation Committees, Youth



Groups, prayer groups, religious education programs, retreat programs, etc. It would seem that enlisting their creative input, and using their base is a good start for our group. Often, motivation is needed to activate these groups in the particular direction we are heading, and practical resources may be lacking to them.

Therefore, we propose to offer grants of \$500 (?) each to 10 (?) parishes to implement in their local communities some project, program or activity that would serve the purpose of arousing interest in and providing encouragement for adolescents to consider the priesthood as an option in the discernment of their life's work.

A given group within the

parish would write a grant request outlining what they intended to do with the money to fulfill the purpose of the grant (e.g., underwrite a retreat, have a dinner, bring in a speaker - the point is to engender creativity in their group to come up with some activity.) By way of the Pastor of the parish, the grant proposal would be submitted to our Board, who would then chose the 10 (?) best ideas and award the \$500 (?) grant to the entity to carry out their idea. A cover form would be developed and distributed, that when filled out would be signed by the Pastor indicating his support and forwarded to us.

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The project could be announced through the Vocations Office, the Pittsburgh Catholic and any other PR means available to us in conjunction with Vocations Awareness Week in January. A deadline for submission might be set for some time in Lent. The awarded checks would be presented at our fundraising dinner/Mass/tour during Ascension tide.

## Christmas Gathering

Fr. Lou Vallone of St. Mary of the Mount Church has graciously offered the use of his rectory for an informal gathering of Latin School alumni and friends on Friday, December 27, 2002.

This will be an informal eve-



ning of fellowship and reminiscing. Fr. Lou will provide snacks for the occasion, or if you have a favorite, bring your own and enough to share. This is also a “bring your own beverage” evening. An R.S.V.P. is not required, just show up and

have fun.

St. Mary of the Mount is located at 403 Grandview Avenue, Mount Washington. Call 412-381-0212 if you have questions or need directions.

## 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 at right. 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  
**Bishop's Latin School  
 Alumni Association  
 1700 Harpster Street  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15212-4393**

### 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

## 2nd Annual Mass and Fund Raising Dinner

The Bishop's Latin School Alumni Association will hold its second annual Mass and Fund Raising Dinner on either May 28 or May 29, 2003 at Most Holy Name Parish, Troy Hill. (The exact date is yet to be determined, either Ascension Thursday or in anticipation, on Wednesday.) The times are also yet to be determined. The concept is dinner, Mass and a tour of St. Anthony Chapel and the rectory or tour, Mass and dinner (two separate sittings). Tickets will



St. Anthony Chapel

be \$50.00 per person. The event last year was an outstanding success. It was fun and it was profitable. Greg Roup has agreed to chair the event again this year (any help is appreciated). Greg and Norb Sieber are drafting criteria for awards to be presented for the first time that evening: one to a priest or religious; one to a member of the laity; and one to a BLS alumnus. The criteria and process for selection has yet to be determined. If you have suggestions, forward them to Greg or Norb ASAP.

### Please pray for...

.. alumni and faculty who have died

Daniel J. Conn, '65  
 John E Heidenreich, '65  
 Richard J Pater, '65  
 Paul J. Schratz, '65  
 Norman A. Van Home, '65  
 Roger E. Craska, '66  
 Anthony Lombardozzi, '66  
 John F Reed, '67  
 Dennis M. Clougherty, '68  
 Paul R Kraus, '68  
 Gregory A. Rybar '68  
 Kenneth M Sauers, '68  
 Robert H Scheeser, '72  
 John Urban, '72 [+2002]  
 Jeffrey B Stokan, '73 [+ 1996]  
 Fr. Francis J. Dougherty, S.J.  
 Fr. James F Gallagher, S.J.  
 Fr. John P. Klein  
 Fr. George L. Krieger, S.J.  
 Fr. J. Berchmans Lanahan, S.J.  
 Mr. Patrick McShane  
 Fr. J. Vincent Taggart, S.J

...and relatives of alumni who have died  
 Aunt, Ann Folcarelli, of Patrick Joyce,  
 Father, Thomas, of Thomas Rodgers,  
 Father, John, of Lawrence Huber