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Becoming Men Of Hope

The Bishop's Latin School faculty and our fellow students assisted us in our formation as men in a Catholic community, the Church. The role of Catholic men, especially those called to the priesthood, provides many challenges today because of allegations and proven instances of abuse. The proposal of same sex marriage further challenges the traditional role of husband and father, raising questions of masculine identity.

What does this have to do with Christmas, a time to share the love of family and to give gifts? Christmas celebrates the Incarnation!



The Word became flesh! The Son of God lived out His earthly life as a man and taught us how to live as men.

I recently had the opportunity to attend two events, which served as occasions to reflect upon the mystery

of our masculinity. I would like to share a few reflections. The first event was a Holy Hour sponsored by the Diocese of Pittsburgh's Catholic Men's Fellowship on December 3rd at St. Paul's Seminary. Fr. James Wehner, rector of the seminary, presented a few thoughts. He pointed out that Jesus was born in order to die for us. God cannot die. As a man, Jesus could die. In fact, He chose to die for us. An animal may die but does not choose to do so. Jesus did not have to die. His death occurred because He could choose to die in order to help man

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"B.L.S.P.G.A" Golf Tournament

At the November 15, 2005 meeting of Bishop's Latin School Alumni Association, plans were ratified for the first-ever "B.L.S.P.G.A" golf tournament to be held September 11th, 2006 at the Cedarbrook Golf Course in Belle Vernon, Pa.. The "P.G.A." anachonym stands for "Priestly Golfers of America. According to Tournament Chairman, Angelo Spagnolo, class of '72, the event will have great meaning for everyone involved. "For the first time ever, we're going to combine the Mass, golf and fund-raising to aid vocations

all in one event." Tentative plans call for a concelebrated Mass to be held outside at the golf course at 10:00 a.m.. Following Mass the driving range will be open from 10:30 till 11:45 so that alumni can fine tune their game to a razor's edge. We'll then have a noon shotgun start at this outstanding 36 hole facility. There will be a box lunch for all players followed by a full course Prime Rib dinner that will be served at approximately 5:30. There will be skill prizes and B.L.S. Blue

Lancer trophies awarded to the victorious. "Veni,vidi, vici," as they say. The total cost for this entire day of golf is just \$100. Cedarbrook Golf Course is located 45 minutes south of Pittsburgh on route 51 in Belle Vernon. It sits just off Interstate 70, so it is highly accessible for all alumni both from route 51, the Pa. Turnpike and Interstate 79. "I've played in many events during my illustrious golf career," said Spagnolo, "And Cedarbrook does as good a job as anyone when

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"B.L.S.P.G.A"

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overcome the presence of evil, fear and insecurity in the world. Men faced evil and temptation, fought change and became dependent upon the transient. Jesus, as a man, confronted evil, faced it with courage and remained faithful to His father. He was willing to sacrifice Himself for His spouse, the Church. He endured suffering and recognized the transcendent. As men, we are called to do the same and are able to do the same through He who empowers us. He is our hope and enables us to be a source of hope for others. As men, we too, can live out our hope in our marriages, the priesthood or in the single state.

The second event was a Day of Reflection at St. Anthony's Shrine, sponsored by the BLS Alumni Association on December 10th for high school students, who are considering a vocation to the priesthood. The students participated in a liturgy in the shrine with

their parents and a few members of the BLS Alumni Association Board. Fr. Thomas Burke, director of the high school program, was the principal celebrant. In his homily, Fr. Burke reminded the congregation of the power of prayer. More than 4200 relics surrounded them. The students were also surrounded by those whose prayers brought them to this point. The altar was draped with a blue altar cloth. The concelebrants wore blue. Blue is the color of hope. I could not help but reflect upon the powerful example of these young people with whom we spent the day and how they were living the virtues Fr. Wehner described in their every day lives. Let's continue to keep these seminarians in our prayers. They are in the same process of discernment as we experienced in our high school years. Let us remember them in a very special way this Christmas!

Mark J. Cotter

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it comes to putting on a tournament. I'm very excited to be chairing this event and I'm looking forward to seeing as many alumni members there as possible."

The funds raised by the event will go towards offsetting the cost of Catholic High School education for those who have indicated a potential interest in the priesthood.

President Tony Fisher was excited about the event as well. "We've always had great success with the Cardinal Wright Awards and dinner. Now our alumni will have another annual event to put on their calendar."

Everyone is welcome to join us to help promote vocations to the priesthood.

Space is limited to just 80 golfers. The alumni association will begin accepting reservations very soon. Anyone wishing more information can contact Angelo Spagnolo at 724-326-8206.

Angelo Spagnolo

Keep in your prayers

Deceased Alumni

1965

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

1966

Roger E. Craska
Anthony Lombardoizzi

1967

John F. Reed
John Yurko

1968

Dennis Clougherty
Brian Keane
Paul R. Kraus
Gregory Rybar
Kenneth M. Sauers

1971

David Kriss (Rev.)

1972

Robert H. Scheeser
John Urban

1973

Jeffrey Stokan
Manuel J. Tubio

Deceased Faculty and Staff

Fr. Richard Colgan, S.J.
Richard (Major) Bennett
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.

Deceased Relatives

The Mother, Elizabeth. of Bill Booker ('69)
The Sister, Marilyn McKenna, of Norbert Sieber ('65)

The Father of Raymond Niedenberger ('67)

The Mother, Sis Mackowiak, of Msgr. Bill Ogradowski ('67)

The Mother, Blanche, of Dennis ('72) and Fr. Tom Lewandowski ('74)

The Sister, Elizabeth Cotter-Santos, of Mark Cotter ('72)

The father, Frank, of Fr. Frank Almade Emma Meskunas, the mother in law of Edward A. Cetnarowski

The Mother, Mary Louise ("Bee"), of Pat Joyce ('67)

The mother of Dan Carroll ('65)

The mother, Jane, of Most Rev.

Daniel Dinardo, D.D. ('67)

Ill Alumni and Relatives

Mark Cotter ('72)

John Ferrante

The Sister, Cathy McNeilly, of Fr. Lou Vallone ('65)

Rev. Joseph C. Scheib ('68)

The mother, Bea, of Fr. Lou Vallone ('65)

Please Pray for the Seminarians of the Diocese of Pittsburgh

Saint Paul Seminary

John M. Allemang
St. Valentine, Bether Park
Christopher D. Donley
St. Bede, Point Breeze
Robert W. Fleckenstein
Incarnation, North Side
Thomas L. Gillespie
Incarnation, North Side
Brian W. Noel
St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland
Michael R. Peck
St. Bede, Point Breeze
Patrick G. Schoeneweis
St. Peter & Paul, Beaver
Joseph P. Smith
St. Louise de Marrillac, Upper
Saint Clair
Adam M. Verona
St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland
Daniel R. Waruszewski
Holy Wisdom, North Side

Theological College

John F. Maugle
Holy Redeemer, Ellwood City

Saint Vincent Seminary

Joseph A. Carr
St. Rosalia, Greenfield
William E. Dorner
St. Mary of the Assumption,
Glenshaw
Daniel J. Lagna
St. Paul, Butler
Barry P. O'Leary
St. Paul Cathedral, Pittsburgh
Michael A. Zavage
St. Hugh, Carmichaels

North American College

Nicholas J. Argentieri
St. Wendelin, Carrick
Joseph M. Freedy
St. Thomas More, Bethel
Park

Michael R. Ruffalo
St. Gabriel of the sorrowful
Virgin, Whitehall
Kim J. Schrock
St. Valentine, Bethel Park
Nicholas S. Vasko
St. Bernadette, Monroeville

Medical Leave of Absence

Benjamin E. Barr
St. Philomena, Beaver Falls

High School Affiliate Update

On Saturday, December 10, 2005, The Bishop's Latin School Alumni Association and the Diocesan Vocation Office hosted a retreat for the members of the High School Affiliate of the Vocations Program of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. The retreat was held at Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish on Troy Hill. The program began with Mass held at St. Anthony's Chapel. Father Tom Burke, co-director of Vocations and parochial vicar at St. Paul's Cathedral in Oakland, was the main celebrant. Other priests, who concelebrated with Father Burke, were Fathers W. David, Schorr, Joseph Henry S.J., Louis Vallone and Romulus Igweonu. Deacon Greg Jelinek also participated in the Liturgy.

After Mass, Father Schorr conducted a tour of St. Anthony's Chapel. Prior to the tour, he gave a brief history of the Bishop's Latin School and the Alumni Association. The retreat ended with a luncheon at Most Holy Name Rectory.

The association also announced that grants had been released to the Catholic High Schools where some of the High School Affiliate students attend. The schools were Aquinas Academy, Bishop Canevin, Central Catholic, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Serra Catholic and St. Joseph's- Natrona Heights.

Thank You Night

We are considering a spring 2006 "thank you" for all alumni, friends, and relatives. Depending upon your input, we hope to have a spring Poker Night. We will provide a catered buffet, cigars, drinks, beer, wine and poker. We are considering charging \$15 for the buffet and drinks, and an additional optional \$50 for poker chips. With all the problems with Texas Hold-'Em Tournaments, we will play dealers choice. At the end of the evening, we will award cash prizes to the players with the most chips. We plan on awarding 40% of the total poker take back to you. One example, if we have 100 players at \$50, the total take will be \$5000. We will award \$2000 in prizes. 1st prize, in this example, would be \$750, 2nd prize, in this example, would be \$500, and 3rd prize -\$400, and 4th \$200, 5th \$100, 6th \$50.

Since you will be playing dealer choice, (please no "wild cards"), We think that this will give everyone a chance to be a winner. Please contact me, Gary Gayda ('71) with your comments, positive or negative. Your input will determine how we say thank you. Contact me at GGayda@BLSALUM.ORG, or call my home in the evenings at 412-431-1648.

Cardinal Wright Awards Annual Mass and Dinner

The Bishop's Latin School Alumni Association will hold its Fifth Annual Vocation Mass and John Card. Wright Awards dinner on April 30, 2006. The celebration will begin with a concelebrated Mass held at St. Mary of the Mount Church.

The event will continue with dinner at Tambellini's Restaurant on Route 51. At dinner the association will recognize the 40th anniversary of the graduating class of 1966 and the 35th anniversary of the graduating class of 1971 with a special honor to the members of both classes. The association will also honor the 30th anniversary of the ordination class of 1976. The dinner will be highlighted by the presentation of the John Cardinal Wright Awards. Please mark your calendars for April 30, 2006. We will keep you informed on all the details during the upcoming months. The members of the Latin School alumni celebrating 30 years in the priesthood for the year 2006 are Archbishop Daniel DiNardo, Father Frank Drabiska, and Father Joseph Scheib.

Class of 1966

Mr James Beierle
Mr Martin Birek
Mr Patrick Burns
Mr Nicholas Cafardi
Mr Peter Calfo
Mr Louis Canale
Mr Edward Cetnarowski
Mr Roger Craska (+)
Mr Terrence Cronin
Mr Nicholas DeFeo
Mr Robert Dugan
Rev David Dzermejko
Mr. F Terrence Fedigan
Mr John Feldmeirer
Mr Michael Frazier
Mr Paul Garbark
Mr William Gregor
Mr Henry Hary
Mr John Hopper
Mr James Hubert
Mr Stanley Janiak
Mr Robert Kaminski
Mr Thomas Keating
Mr George Kline
Mr Robert Kuhn

Mr Raymond Lako
Mr Daniel Leger
Mr David Lisowski
Mr Anthony Lombardozzi(+)
Mr Samuel Lombardo
Mr Timothy Lynch
Mr Thomas McGuire
Mr James McMahon
Mr James McNiff
Mr John Mihelich
Rev Gerald Mikonis
Mr James O'Toole
Mr Robert Rabel
Mr David Rumon
Mr Nicholas Russo
Mr Anthony Sciuillo
Mr William Steidle
Mr Frank Tansey
Mr David Topper
Mr Joseph Vater
Mr Daniel Welsh

Class of 1971

Rev Frank Almade PhD
Mr Joseph Angert

Mr Robert Bauer
Mr Peter Bellina
Rev. Walter Butor OMI
Mr Steven Byers
Mr Kevin Carroll
Mr Fred Decker
Rev Philip Farrell
Mr Regis Flaherty
Mr Gary Gayda
Mr James Glenn
Mr Anthony Green
Mr James Greb
Rev W Peter Horton
Mr Regis Kostrub
Mr David Kreke
Rev David Kriss (+)
Mr Edward Meskel
Mr Kurt Mulzet
Mr William Murphy
Mr Jeffrey Musher
Mr Michael Napierkowski
Rev Garrett Orr SJ
Rev Steven Palsa
Mr Michael Perrucci
Mr Christopher Rebstock

Mr Roy Rieder
Mr Charles Rotherth
Mr Ralph Ruggerio
Mr Michael Sadowski
Mr Steven Simpson
Mr John Spavelko
Mr Bernard Stankay
Mr Verne Steimer
Mr Michael Szczypinski
Rev Edward Thein
Mr Charles Thompson
Mr Michael Wallisch

