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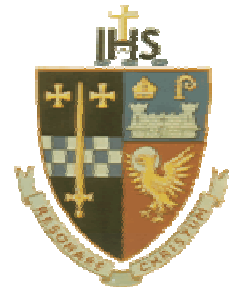
Eighth Annual Cardinal Wright Awards Dinner

The Bishop's Latin School Alumni Association will hold its eighth annual fundraising event on August 23, 2009. The celebration will begin with a celebrated Mass with Daniel Cardinal DiNardo as and main celebrant at St. Stanislaus Church in the Strip District at 4:00 PM.

The event will continue with dinner at

Mitchell's Restaurant on Ross St. in Downtown Pittsburgh. At dinner the association will recognize the 40th anniversary of the graduating class of 1969 with a special honor to the members of 1969. The association will also honor the 30th anniversary of the ordination class of 1979. The dinner will be highlighted by the presentation of the John Cardinal Wright Awards. This

year's awardees will be announced in May. Please mark your calendars for August 23, 2009. A registration form can be found in this newsletter or on our website.



Class of 1969

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| David Belasco | James O'Keefe |
| William Booker | John O'Leary |
| Richard Day | Kevin O'Reilly |
| Paul Dentel | Francis Panian |
| Regis Duffy | Daniel Pietrowski |
| Lawrence Feltz | James Qualters |
| Anthony Fisher | Douglas Reilly |
| David Fromm | Thomas Scanlon |
| Kenneth Fusina | Lawrence Scholl |
| Martin Harris | Wilbert Snyder |
| H. Lawrence Kelly | Mark Stanisha |
| Christian Leon | Leonard Thomas |
| James Myron | William Walter |
| Gregory Niemiec | J. Blaner Wolff |
| Steven O'Donnell | Michael Zeffiro |

Ordination Anniversary

The members of the Latin School alumni celebrating 30 years in the priesthood in the year 2009 are:

Father Steven Palsa and Father W. Peter Horton.

Fr David Kriss was also a member of this ordination class.

K. Barry Wentland

Born November 30, 1955 to Norma and Daniel Wentland, I was named Kevin Barry after an Irish patriot but never used the name Kevin. It was always Barry then Wents (with a few special names used by my wonderful, big sister, Karyn). I attended grade school at St. Cyril of Alexandria in Brighton Heights. I started at the Bishop's Latin School in 1969 on Larimer Ave. and graduated with the final class in Southside in 1973. I received a BS in Biology from Allegheny College in 1977. I met my wife Megan at Allegheny and we just celebrated our 30th anniversary. We have two sons, Conor and Cale. I worked at Mercy Hospi-

tal after college before being accepted to medical school. Megan and eight month old Conor headed to Missouri with me for four years at the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine. Cale was born in Missouri. I received a D.O. degree in 1987. Our family then settled in York, PA for residency in Family Practice followed by private practice in family medicine. I couldn't avoid the Jesuit influence to teach and have enjoyed training Family Practice residents and coaching youth baseball. Two years ago I changed focus to concentrate on Geriatric medicine and now work primarily in nursing homes.

Mrs. Bea Vallone

"Mater Mea, Saxum Meum" award. was created to annually acknowledge the tremendous contributions that our mothers have in our lives and most especially, in shaping vocations to the priesthood. Mrs. Vallone is the mother of Latin School graduate, Fr. Lou Vallone. "My mother, Betty Vallone is now 85. She was baptized as a Maronite Catholic in the Hill District, attended Epiphany Grade School and worked as a sales clerk at one of Pittsburgh's most famous department stores, Rosenbaum's. She married my Dad, a returning Navy man from the war in June of 1945. She had three children; I am the oldest, my brother Frank, who is a retired millwright is married to Beverly with two grown daughters, Rachel and Leah. My sister, Catherine McNeilly, is a commander of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police and commands Zone 3.

Stephen J. Byers

In addition to serving his home parish of St. Bonaventure in Glenshaw, Deacon Stephen J. Byers, a member of the BLS Class of 1971, facilitates the Diocese of Pittsburgh's Marriage Preparation Program, which is the primary focus of his diaconate ministry. Since his ordination in June 1999, Steve has interacted with approximately 4,000 engaged couples at 120 of the program's four-week sessions. In addition, he chairs the Diocesan Natural Family Planning Committee.

Steve's perspective on marriage comes primarily from his lived experience as a husband and father. He and his wife, Anita,

will celebrate their 33rd anniversary in September. For more than 10 years prior to Steve becoming a deacon, they worked together in marriage preparation on the parish level. Their offspring, Chris, 29, and Sara, 26, are young professionals, living on their own but close enough to home for laundry visits or mom's cooking.

A 1975 journalism graduate of Duquesne University, Steve worked as a newspaper reporter and editor in western Pennsylvania and West Virginia for 17 years, including a five-year stint at *The Pittsburgh Press* before its demise in 1992. Following eight years at Technology Publishing Company on the South Side, he joined the staff of

the University of Pittsburgh, where he is now director of the Office of Academic Affairs for the Health Sciences.

Steve has participated on the BLS Alumni Association Board in recent years, and, although he's ashamed to admit that he has long forgotten more Latin and Greek than he ever learned in high school, for some reason, he can still conjugate the Latin verb "to be" (*sum, es, est...*), thanks to the relentless freshman-year drilling of Fr. Richard Colgan, SJ.

Mike Clark

Mike Clark is a 1985 graduate of St. John's University in New York. Before coming to Pittsburgh, he worked for WLIG-TV in Long Island, N.Y., EVU-TV in Fort Myers, Fla., WMTW-TV in Portland, Maine, and WSYX-TV in Columbus, Ohio.

Clark is married with four children and serves as an assistant coach for their soccer, baseball and basketball teams.

His work as a news anchor, reporter and writer has been recognized for its excellence by numerous organizations, including the Emmys, the Golden Quill, National Headliner's Award, and the Associated Press.

Clark is proud to have anchored several Emmy Award-winning newscasts for Channel 4 Action News, including two that captured "Best Newscast."

He has also been cited for his distinguished coverage of the life and the death of Pope John Paul II. Mike field anchored WTAE-TV's live coverage from Rome, Italy of Pope John Paul II's funeral in 2005. He anchored our live reports of Pope John Paul II's visits to St. Louis in 1999, and to New York and Baltimore in 1995. When Pope Benedict XVI made his historic

first visit to Washington D-C, Mike again field anchored our coverage from the White House and other locations in our nation's capital. Mike field anchored several major sports-related events, including the implosion of Three Rivers Stadium, Major League Baseball's All-Star Game at P-N-C Park, and Channel 4's live coverage from Detroit in 2006, during the week-long run up to Super Bowl 40, when the Steelers won their 5th Super Bowl.

Mike received the Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl Flame of Hope Award at the 2009 Caritas Awards from Catholic Charities.

Clark received the Bill Burns Award for Excellence in Journalism at the 33rd Art Rooney Awards in 2006, and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from LaRoche College in 2004. In 2003, he received an Outstanding Achievement Award from the New York Institute of Technology for his 20 years reporting and anchoring the news. And he received the 2002 Humanitarian of the Year Award from the Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh. Clark also received a Cardinal Fulton Sheen Television Award

in New York City for his series of reports on the Chimbote Mission in Peru in 2000.

He is a member of Catholic Charities' Executive Board of Directors, and is a board member emeritus at the DePaul School for Hearing and Speech. Mike is a member of The Chimbote Foundation, and the Forest Hills/Churchill Baseball Association. He has volunteered his time for the Make-a-Wish Foundation, Genesis of Pittsburgh, The Western PA School for the Deaf, UPMC McKeesport Hospital Foundation, the ALS Association, the Greater Pittsburgh YMCA, the Arthritis Foundation, the Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council, the Salvation Army/Project Bundle-Up, St. Vincent DePaul Society, Allegheny County's Senior Companion Program, the Sisters of Divine Providence, the Sisters of Saint Basil and the Sisters of Saint Francis. During the school year, you can find him reading to students throughout western Pennsylvania and delivering motivational speeches. Mike serves as an Adjunct Professor of Journalism at Duquesne University and served as an instructor for LaRoche College's Challenge.

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Dear Fellow Alumni and Friends of the Alumni Association:

The Bishop's Latin School Alumni Association has adopted Lighthouse Catholic Media's CD of the Month Club as a fundraiser. Lighthouse Catholic Media is a Not-for-Profit Apostolate with the mission of saving souls through the message of the Gospel. Inspirational Catholic CD's are mailed to the home each month to deepen one's faith in God and to provide inspiration. Recent titles include:

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Stories of the
Last Three Popes

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invite family, friends, and fellow parishioners to subscribe. In doing so, you will be sharing your Catholic faith, supporting the BLS Alumni Association, and you may possibly bring a loved one back to the Church. There is no risk because you can cancel your subscription at any time. There are three subscription levels:

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- Individuals have the opportunity to share these topics with others in their family, parish organization or prayer group by ordering multiple copies. You can subscribe on-line by clicking on the link at the BLS website, <http://www.blsalum.org>.

I've also attached a printable subscription form for those who do not wish to subscribe on-line. Please print as many copies of the attached form as you need and return by mail to:

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I will also take subscriptions over the phone at the phone number above if you prefer.

In this year of the Priest, we are reminded that we are all called to support vocations! I thank you in advance for your response to this call! May God richly bless you!

Mark Cotter, Class of '72