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Fr. Joe Henry celebrates 75th Birthday with BLS Alumni

On Saturday March 27, 2004, The BLSAA hosted a wonderful celebration in honor of Father Joe Henry's 75th birthday. The festivities began with a concelebrated Mass at St. Anthony's Chapel on Troy Hill. Father Henry was the main celebrant. Concelebrants included Fathers Joe Scheib, Lou Vallone, Dave Schorr, David Kriss and James Aaron. Deacons Steve

Byers and Greg Brown also assisted at the Mass.

Mike Gallagher along with Most Holy Name parishioners, Robin Stahl, Rick Stahl and Lenny Woods provided a very beautiful music program.

A reception followed at Most Holy Name Parish Hall immediately after Mass. Guests included BLS alumni, their fami-

lies and friends, former faculty members of BLS, and friends of Father Henry and of the Latin School. Father Lou Vallone and Norb Sieber provided the roasting and toasting of our honoree, Father Joe Henry. A special thank you must be extended to Father Schorr and the parishioners of Most Holy Name for their help and hospitality.

Message from the Chairman

My first six months as chairman have been very rewarding. Everyone has been very positive about the goals that the association has established the past few years. We are improving our efforts to promote vocations, the Heed the Call program, communications and our website. We are now seeking candidates for the Cardinal Wright

Award. If you feel a certain alumnus has exemplified his life as a true follower of Christ in his career and/ or family life, please contact the association .

This year has been a banner year for a few of BLS alumni. Nicholas Cafardi '66 was awarded the St. Thomas More Award, Bishop Daniel DiNardo

'67 was appointed co-adjutor bishop of the Galveston- Houston Diocese and Deacon Greg Brown '72 will be ordained a Capuchin Friar this summer.

If you want to talk to me, I can be reached at tony2002f@aol.com or 412 -831-8898. Thank you for your support and continue to pray for vocations.

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Fr. Joseph Henry



Joseph E. Henry, S. J., was born in Baltimore, MD, on March 24, 1929. Upon graduation from Loyola High School, he entered the Society of Jesus at the age of 18. Fr. Henry was ordained June 19, 1960, and took his final vows on August 15, 1963.

During the early years of his priesthood, Fr. Henry taught Greek and Latin at the Bishop's Latin School from 1962 until 1973 when the school closed. He spent the academic year 1973-1974 finishing up work on his classics degree at

Duquesne University. He then returned to Scranton Prep once again to teach Latin and Greek, as he had done prior to his ordination.

He remained there until January 1984, serving also as Minister of the Jesuit Community during the last several years of that time.

In the spring of 1984, Father was assigned to Rome to serve in the Jesuit Curia (Headquarters) as the Secretary to the American Assistant to the General of the Society. He worked in that capacity until the end 1987, when he returned to the United States to serve as the Minister of the Novitiate of St. Isaac Jogues at Wernersville, PA, beginning on 1 January 1988.

From there, Fr. Henry went to Washington, DC, where he was Associate Treasurer of the Jesuit Community at Georgetown University.

In September 1993 Father moved to the Jesuit Community of Vatican Observatory Research Group (VORG) in Tucson, AZ. There, he assisted in the work of VORG (though not as an astronomer but just a paper pusher!).

Father returned to Wernersville as Assistant Minister of the St. Isaac Community.

In the year 2000, a group of BLS Alumni who wanted to reactivate the Alumni Association, asked if Father could help them.

Father's Jesuit Superiors were favorable to the idea and he has been living at Most Holy Name Rectory on Troy Hill (where one of his former BLS students, Father David Schorr, is the Pastor!) for the past three plus years and is the Moderator of the Bishop's Latin School Alumni Association

Br. Greg Brown, O.F.M. Cap.

DEACON GREG BROWN TO BE ORDAINED CAPUCHIN PRIEST

Deacon Greg Brown, '72, is in his final steps toward ordination. He has one more examination on May 24, 2004 that will complete his seven year Capuchin program. Deacon Brown will be ordained a priest in the fall of 2004.

Since High School Greg had felt that he was called to be priest, but after graduation from the University of Pittsburgh in 1976 he entered the business world. He was employed by United States Steel Corporation Edgar Thomson Works Metallurgical and Blast Furnace Department. Later, he worked for Duquesne Light Company, Beaver Valley Power Station Chemistry Department.

When Greg was in his mid thirties, he again thought about a vocation to the priesthood. While discerning this situation, his parish priest brought up the subject and asked him if he had ever considered religious life. After a year of prayers and conversations Greg entered the postulancy program for the Capuchins. In July of 1997, he became a Capuchin Novice at Allison Park, PA. He took his temporary vows of poverty, chastity and obedience in July, 1998 and professed his perpetual vows in August, 2001.

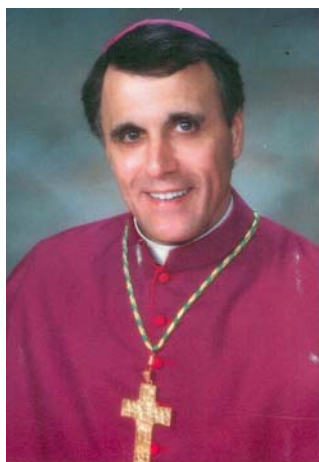


at Washington, D.C., and received a Master of Divinity degree from Washington Theology Union in May, 2003. His degree program included ministry at a Washington D.C. hospital, a nursing home and an internship at the USCCB Secretariat for Family, Laity, Women and Youth.

Greg Brown was ordained a Deacon at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in September, 2003 and has been serving his Diaconate Internship at St. Clare of Assisi Friary in Clairton, PA.

Greg studied at the Capuchin College

Diocese Celebrates Bishop DiNardo's Arrival



The
Diocese
of

Galveston-Houston celebrated the arrival of its new coadjutor bishop with an official Mass of Welcome. The special service for Bishop Daniel N. DiNardo was held for invited guests on Friday, March 26, 2004 at St. Michael the Archangel Church.

The Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo of Washington, D.C. concelebrated the Mass with Bishop Joseph Fiorenza of the Diocese of Galveston-Houston, as the main celebrant. Bishop DiNardo, together with Archbishop Patrick Flores of San Antonio, and Auxiliary Bishops Vincent Rizzotto and Joe Vasquez of the Diocese of Galveston-Houston, all concelebrated the Mass.

The highlight of the Mass was the Nuncio's reading of the apostolic letter appointing Bishop DiNardo as the coadjutor bishop of the Diocese of Galveston-Houston. Thirty bishops from around the country along with approximately 190 priests took part in the procession preceding Mass.

In response to a request from Bishop Fiorenza, Pope John Paul II

named Bishop DiNardo as Coadjutor Bishop for the Diocese of Galveston-Houston on January 19, 2004. A coadjutor is a bishop assigned by the Holy See to assist the residential bishop. Upon the retirement of the residential bishop, the coadjutor automatically becomes the residential bishop.

Bishop DiNardo served as Bishop of Sioux City since November 28, 1998. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Pittsburgh on July 16, 1977. He has a graduate degree in theology from Gregorian University in Rome.

Bishop DiNardo attended St. Anne Grade School, Castle Shannon, PA (1955-1963), the Bishop's Latin School (1963-1967), and then entered St. Paul Seminary and Duquesne University (1967-1969). In 1969 he won a Basselin Scholarship for Philosophy studies at the Catholic University of America and there obtained the B.A. and M.A. Degrees in Philosophy. His theological studies were made at the North American College, Rome, where he earned the S.T.B. Degree at the Gregorian University and the S.T.L. Degree in Patristics at the Augustinianum.

He was ordained a priest on July 16, 1977 in Pittsburgh and assigned to St. Pius X Church, Pittsburgh, as parochial vicar. In 1981 he was named assistant chancellor of the Diocese of Pittsburgh and part-time Professor at St. Paul Seminary. In 1984 he was named a staff member of the Congregation for Bishops (Vatican) where he remained until December 1990. During that time he was also Director of the Villa

Stitch (1986-1989), the house for American diocesan priests who work for the Holy See and also taught the Methodology Seminar for first year theologians at the Gregorian University.

In 1991 he was named Assistant Secretary for Education of the Diocese of Pittsburgh and also served as Co-Administrator of Madonna del Castello Church, Swissvale, PA In 1994 he was named founding Pastor of Sts. John and Paul Church, Franklin Township, PA.

He was named Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese of Sioux City on August 19, 1997 and ordained a bishop on October 7, 1997. He became Diocesan Ordinary on November 28, 1998.

In the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) he is a member of the Ad Hoc Committee to Oversee the Use of the Catechism and the Pro-Life Committee. He is a consultant to the Liturgy Committee.

He is a member of the Board of Directors of Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., Briar Cliff University, Sioux City, Iowa, Josephinum Seminary, Columbus, Ohio, Mercy Hospital, Sioux City, Iowa, National Catholic Partnership for Persons with Disabilities, Washington, D.C. and the Siouxland Mental Health, Sioux City, Iowa. He serves as Episcopal Advisor to the



Photos from Fr. Henry's 75th Birthday



At the party



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At
Mass



DOES HOLLYWOOD BECKON LOCAL BUSINESSMAN? IS LIFE REALLY GOING TO THE DOGS?



Angelo Spagnolo is the president of Jurassic Dog Products, LLC a three-year-old company in Belle Vernon, Pa, that specializes in hickory-smoked

dog bones with dinosaur-themed marketing. Angelo would be the first to say that his life has been comprised of many bizarre twists and turns.

The former supermarket owner “won” the title of “America’s Worst Avid Golfer” in 1985. Golf Digest Magazine sponsored the event at the Tournament Players Club at Sawgrass in Florida. It’s hard to forget Angelo, who hit 27 balls in a row into the water on the infamous 17th island hole--en route to a 66 for the hole! His overall score of 257 for 18 holes remains the worst score ever recorded in a tournament in the entire history of golf.

Since those days in the mid ‘80’s, the self-deprecating businessman has seen a number of unusual events occur in his life that have put his face in front of a camera lens. One such invitation led to his appearance in a “Nike” commercial with golf professionals Curtis Strange and Peter Jacobsen in 1990.

Another thrill was the appearance on a Japanese television program “Narahodo” in 1996. A Japanese film crew took over the Spagnolo household for two days to put the piece together. Golf is an international language, Spagnolo was known to quip.

Then there were his two appearances on NBC’s “Dateline” in the late 1990’s. This time, producers used him as a golf “guinea pig” of sorts and had him train with Scott Robertson, inventor of the Robertson Grip. He eventually went back to his old swing, having given up on the radical reverse grip and swing of Robertson. “I wasn’t getting any better,” he said about his efforts to improve his game, “but I didn’t give up“!

At the height of his notoriety as America’s Worst Avid Golfer, Spagnolo’s requests for interviews centered around playing eighteen holes--reporters often wanted to see his game firsthand. He once played a round at “the Congressional” in Washington, DC, home course to some of our nation’s political leaders.

He plans on marking the anniversary at his annual charity tournament for the Multiple Sclerosis Service Society, a Pittsburgh based organization. The MS Service Society has stuck behind the Worst Avid Golfers Tournament twenty times--raising over \$800,000. Spagnolo calculates that well over a million and a half dollars have been raised using bad golf for a good cause all over the United States.

His book of life has added still another chapter, this time Spagnolo and his Jurassic Dog Bonz™ are featured in a commercial for National City Bank.

“I received a phone call from Mike O’Donnell, my banker at National City Bank. He said that each year National City features a small-business lending customer in a commercial. He said that he wanted to let me know that we were nominated because of the unusual nature of our business. Mike wanted me to hear about it from him first, in case I got a call from the ad agency and would think that this was some kind of a practical joke.” Spagnolo relates. “Sure enough, a week later the call came that Jurassic was a finalist, and we were on our way to a screen test.” Spagnolo figured he had a good chance to be cast; he just had to wait for the agency, Cambell-Ewald, of Michigan, to realize that he was the man for the job! In typical Hollywood fashion, he was asked to ship huge amounts of his products, and items from his office, as well as logo garments for the Hollywood warehouse workers to be seen in.

“It was a real production, I’ll tell you that,” he said. “I had a wardrobe person, a makeup artist--and they referred to me as “the talent.”

The wardrobe supervisor really flipped when she saw me eating lunch in my Jurassic shirt,” he related. She said, “You can’t eat lunch in your wardrobe! Now get in the trailer and get changed!! If you get one tiny little smudge on your shirt...” “She didn’t have to finish, I got the message loud and clear,” he said.

The shoot took two days and nearly 15 hours. “It was just like making a 30-second movie with a director, people saying “Cut” or “we’re rolling.” There were about fifty people on the set with all the lighting and sound technicians, wardrobe and makeup, and “talent,” he reminisced. He felt the pressure, too. “When you stare into that camera lens, you know that it’s totally on your shoulders to speak your lines correctly and to act natural and believable,” he recalled.

The plot: When Spagnolo asks National City to help him with his hickory-smoked dog bones, the bank didn’t think he was “going to the dogs.” The light-hearted commercial shows Spagnolo being chased down a sidewalk by a pack of dogs, and inspecting products as they come off the production line with the Jurassic mascot, Rosco (in reality, a Hollywood dog actor). Spagnolo’s son David, managed to get into the commercial as an extra. “He was really excited about doing well, and just being involved in some small way,” Spagnolo prided of his protégé and business partner.

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BLSAA John Cardinal Wright Founder's Award



The John Cardinal Wright founder's Award was established by the Bishop's Latin School Alumni Association as a way to give recognition to those people who, by their actions demonstrate a strong commitment to fostering religious vocations.

The criteria for the award is as follows:

a. **Layperson:** Someone who has demonstrated a strong commitment in their life to the proactive support

and fostering of religious vocations among men and/or women at any age, either through a single event or act, or through a continuing series of positive, meaningful influences. Major support of BLS' or BLSAA's establishment propagation any time throughout its history is also a major consideration.

b. **Religious:** A religious person who has demonstrated a strong commitment in their life to the proactive support and fostering of religious vocations among men and/or women at any age, either through a single event or act, or through a continuing series of positive, meaningful influences. Major support of BLS' or BLSAA's establishment or propagation any time throughout its history is also a major consideration.

c. **BLS Alumnus:** Any BLS alumnus who leads an exemplary life

that exhibits the ideals and values of BLS, either in a religious or secular vocation. Additional consideration could include his demonstration of a strong commitment in his life to the proactive support and fostering of religious vocations among men and/or women at any age, either through a single event or act, or through a continuing series of positive, meaningful influences, including major support of BLSAA's establishment or propagation any time throughout its history.

The selection committee is open to receiving nominations from all alumni who recognize in another alumnus, layperson or religious the qualities described above. Contact Tony Fisher (tony2002f@aol.com or 412-831-8898) if you would like to make a nomination.

Nicholas Cafardi Receives St. Thomas More Award



The Pittsburgh Chapter of the St. Thomas More Society honored Nicholas Cafardi, '66, Dean of the Duquesne University School of Law, with this year's St. Thomas More Award. Dean Cafardi received this award at the "Red Mass" held on October 28, 2003 at St. Mary's Church in Downtown Pittsburgh. Bishop Donald Wuerl officiated at the Mass and presented Cafardi with this prestigious award. A dinner reception was later held at the William Penn Hotel.

The St. Thomas More Society is an organization made up of Catholic lawyers and judges. Each year they choose

a member who best exemplifies the Catholic ideals of St. Thomas More.

Nicholas Cafardi is the Dean of the Duquesne University School of Law and also a tenured professor of law. Dean Cafardi is a native of Pittsburgh. His undergraduate degree is from the Gregorian University in Rome. He holds a Master of Philosophy Degree from Duquesne University. His law degree is from the University of Pittsburgh from which he graduated cum laude. He also received a licentiate in Canon Law from the University of St. Thomas in Rome, *summa cum laude*.

Dean Cafardi teaches courses in Legal Process, Tax-Exempt Organizations, and Canon Law. His scholarly work

has been published in numerous law reviews and canonical journals. With Adam Cardinal Maida, he is the co-author of the frequently cited Church Property, Church Finances and Church-Related Corporations. He was for thirteen years legal counsel to the Diocese of Pittsburgh, and he still represents numerous religious orders both as a canonist and as a civil lawyer.

Dean Cafardi is a member of the American Bar Association, the Allegheny County Bar Association, the St. Thomas More Society (Board of Governors) and the Canon Law Society of America. He was only the second layman in history to be elected to the Board of Governors of the Canon Law Society of America, on which he served from 1991-1993.

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 Lombardozzi

1967
 John F. Reed
 John Yurko

1968
 Dennis Clougherty
 Paul R. Kraus
 Gregory Rybar
 Kenneth M. Sauers

1972
 Robert H. Scheeser
 John Urban

1973
 Jeffrey Stokan

Deceased Faculty and Staff

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

Ill Alumni and Relatives

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

Fall Reunion and Tour

The BLSAA is planning a fall reunion, including a tour, Mass and dinner. In a move from previous years, the possibilities include a bus tour to one or several notable churches in the area, Mass after 4 p.m. and dinner following at a local restaurant. The possible dates discussed for this event are Sunday, October 24 (a non Steeler game day) or Saturday, November 27 (Saturday after Thanksgiving). As always, your input is invited and encouraged. Contact Tony Fisher (tony2002f@aol.com or 412-831-8898).



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 telephone at [412] 231-8606 or e-mail at: BLSAlum@aol.com or regular mail at:

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 Alumni Association
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 Pittsburgh, PA 15212-4393**

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.

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via: _____

publica: _____ codex zipi: _____

epistola electronica: _____

facta notabilia de te: _____

In futuro volo te mihi non scribere in lingua latina!