

# Bishop's Latin School Alumni Association

# Alumni Newsletter

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## Annual Cardinal Wright Awards Dinner

The Bishop's Latin School Alumni Association will hold its annual awards and fundraising event on July 24, 2005. We plan to begin with a concelebrated Mass with Coadjutor Archbishop Daniel N. DiNardo as principal celebrant at 4PM at St. Mary of the Mount on Mt. Washington. Following Mass the association will hold a reception at Louis Tambellini's Restaurant on Saw Mill Run Blvd. ( Rt. 51).

This year marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first graduation class of the Bishop's Latin School. We would like to honor not only the graduates of that year but also all the other members associated with that first class which started it all in September 1961. Each member of that class will be recognized both at Mass and at the awards dinner. This year also marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of four alumni from the Class of 1967. We will honor them

also at Mass and at the awards dinner. The Alumni Association hopes that you will participate in this special celebration. Your presence will make this day a memorable time for all of us.

We will also present the John Cardinal Wright Awards that evening. The Cardinal Wright awards honor those who have faithfully followed their vocations, whether in the priesthood, religious life,

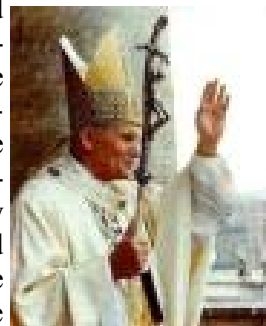
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## John Paul II's Legacy of Hope

As I listened to the gospel for the Third Sunday of Easter, my mind turned to the events of the previous week. John Paul II had died and was the center of the world's attention. The television coverage was unprecedented. The millions of pilgrims, who had traveled to Rome for the funeral, were now returning home.

The gospel for that week-

end recounted the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. The many pilgrims, as they returned home, were much like those two disciples, "conversing about the things that had occurred". The 26 year papacy of John Paul II had



an impact on the world like no other. We shared their feelings of sadness and some anxiety about the future. Yet, we were grateful for his life. As Jesus drew near to the disciples and reminded them of all that was prophesied and had now reached its fulfill-

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ment in Him, so Pope John Paul II reminded us of the teachings of the Catholic Church. Throughout his papacy, he encouraged us not to be afraid of the Truth. Were not our hearts burning within us as he taught? His life was a living witness of that Truth. His worldwide evangelization beckoned us to open wide the doors to Christ.

Whether he was speaking to youth, the poorest of the poor, the wealthiest of nations, priests or members of other faiths, his message was the same. He lived the paschal mystery. In doing so, he taught us about life, suffering and in the end, death and resurrection. Now, Christ has opened the door to John Paul II. He has appeared to Peter.

Mark J. Cotter  
Class of '72

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or as a lay person. This year's awardees are Father W. David Schorr, Father Louis Vallone, Norb Sieber and Pat Joyce.

Please fill out and return the reservation form on the last page of this newsletter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached at 412-831-8898. My e-mail address is tony2002f@aol.com.

Also, check out our website (www.blsalum.org) for many features and links pertaining to the BLS Alumni Association.

And additional features regarding the goals, and aims of the Association, our vocation Mass and awards dinner on July 24, 2005

**Mr. Joe Palmisano**

Joe Palmisano was on the teaching staff at the Bishop's Latin School from 1965 through 1969. He taught both English and French during his tenure at Bishop's Latin School.

After his departure, Joe was hired by Shaler Area School District as a school counselor until his retirement in 1995. He is also past-president of the Allegheny County Counselor's Association.

Since retirement he has been very active in his parish both in the choir and the R.C.I.A. program. He is a part-time staff member at St. Paul's Retreat Center, where he runs workshops and does counseling for the AA Program. He is also a member of the Serra Club. Because of his loyalty to the Bishop's Latin School, Joe is a regular attendee at all of our alumni events.

**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  
Brian Keane  
Paul R. Kraus  
Gregory Rybar  
Kenneth M. Sauers

1971

David Kriss (Rev.)

1972

Robert H. Scheeser  
John Urban

1973

Jeffrey Stokan

**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 Mother 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 Almada  
Emma Meskunas, the mother in law of Edward A. Cetnarowski  
The Mother, Mary Louise ("Bee"), of Pat Joyce ('67)

**Ill Alumni and Relatives**

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

## Did a Catholic Relic Help Save a Baby?

*[Courtesy of ABC News Primetime]*

Did a relic of a blessed French Canadian priest help save a premature baby?

In 1999, Jill Chadwick went into labor four months early. Doctors at West Penn Hospital feverishly worked in order to delay delivery. Chadwick's mother, Gerry Kovalchick, went to St. Anthony's Chapel to pray for her daughter and grandchild. Kovalchick explained her situation to Father W. David Schorr. He gave her a relic to take back to her daughter. He had never permitted a relic to leave before. But he felt at that moment it was the proper gesture to do.

The relic was a jewelry box that contained a medallion and a locket with strands of hair from the Blessed Frederic Janoosse. Kovalchick took the relic back to the hospital. Chadwick in the privacy of silent prayer took the relic, rubbed it on her stomach and prayed to the blessed priest to help her and her baby. When the time came for delivery procedures, Chadwick said she had a vision of a man with white hair in the delivery room.

Christopher Ian Fredric Chadwick was born at weight of only 1 pound, 10 ounces and barely 12 inches long. He was so small that his eyes were fused shut. Premature infants today often survive, but most often have terrible childhood maladies. Christopher has not shown any signs of complications.

The Catholic Church is now investigating this event.

### BLESSED FREDERIC JANSOONE

Blessed Frederic Janssoone was born in Flanders in 1838. His life took many interesting turns. His was not an ordinary nineteenth-century way of life. Frederic was born of wealthy farm parents and he was the youngest of thirteen children. He was just nine when his father died, so the boy left school to help support his mother. He soon realized that he had a "knack" for selling. He enjoyed people. He liked meeting new people and he knew how to explain his products. Frederic's mother died in 1861. It was then that the twenty-three-year-old reached into his heart in search of his own life's call. He realized that he was experiencing a strong desire to join the Franciscan order. After his seminary studies were finished, Frederic was ordained a Franciscan priest. He became a military chaplain for a time. Then in 1876, he was sent to the Holy Land. Father Frederic preached the Gospel in the places made sacred by Jesus himself.

He used his skills to help various groups of Christians cooperate in the upkeep of two sacred churches. He built a church in Bethlehem. Blessed Frederic is also remembered for reviving an old custom of having pilgrims make the Stations of the Cross throughout the streets of Jerusalem.

Father Frederic's ministry in Canada began when he was transferred there in 1881. He was sent on a fundraising tour. His many talents served him well. His joyful spirit of self-giving made him much loved immediately. His sermons and talks were filled with interesting facts about the Holy Land. He looked

into the faces and hearts of the people and prayed that they would grow in the richness of God's life. In 1888, he returned to Canada to stay and was to spend the rest of his life there.

Father Janssoone was an interesting person and a fascinating writer. He wrote several articles and biographies of saints. They are reminders of the enthusiasm that filled his own soul. They reflect the joy of Jesus that he so willingly shared with others. Father Frederic died on August 4, 1916. He was declared "blessed" in 1988 by Pope John Paul II.

*Blessed Frederic's talents served him well in bringing the gospel to the places he went. Am I using my gifts for the good of others?*



**Fr. W. David Schorr**



## Rev. Lou Vallone ends his Pastorate at St. Mary of the Mount Church

Rev. Louis F. Vallone was ordained to the priesthood on May 5, 1973 and has served in five parishes in the diocese since his ordination, the most recently being at Saint Mary of the Mount.

After 12 years on Mt. Washington, Fr. Lou has been reassigned by the diocese to the next phase in his ministry to the people of God. His immediate assignment is a six month sabbatical for continuing study and formation in Rome. His sabbatical is officially worded:

...“As you prepare for this new chapter in your life, I ask that you work closely with Rev. James Wehner, director of the department for post-ordination formation, who will assist you in finalizing the details related to the approved sabbatical program at the North American College in Rome.

“In a particular way, I thank you for the dedicated priestly service that you have provided the faithful of St. Mary of the Mount these past twelve years. At the same time, I ask God’s blessing on you as you put aside temporarily your pastoral responsibilities and undertake your sabbatical...”

During his twelve years as pastor, Fr. Lou has been instrumental in stabilizing and revitalizing the parish by eliminating a \$750,000 debt to the diocese, renovating the church building and keeping the parish school alive and functioning, all while attending to the pastoral needs of the people of Saint Mary of the Mount Parish.

In addition to his duties at Saint Mary’s, Fr. Lou was an active member of the Mount Washington Ministerium, an ecumenical group of ministers on the Mount, a member of the Pittsburgh Human Relations committee, chaplain to the city of Pittsburgh Police (as well as a number of other organizations), an

adjunct professor of canon law at Duquesne university and a member of the Priests Council, Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Informally, he is a member of: the Blue Knights IX, a law enforcement motorcycle group and the 50 Below Club, a scuba diving club, a member of Carpenters’ District Council of Pennsylvania, LU #2274, Canon Law Society of America and a number of many more associations and groups

He rides a Harley Davidson Electra Glide motorcycle on the highway and a Honda Nighthawk on city streets. Fr. Lou plays racquetball and is considered quite capable player for a person of his age! He enjoys vacations scuba diving (ask any parishioner his favorite hobby!). He is also a good son, phoning his mother everyday and making frequent contact with his family.

Upon his return from sabbatical, the diocese of Pittsburgh will have another assignment ready and waiting.

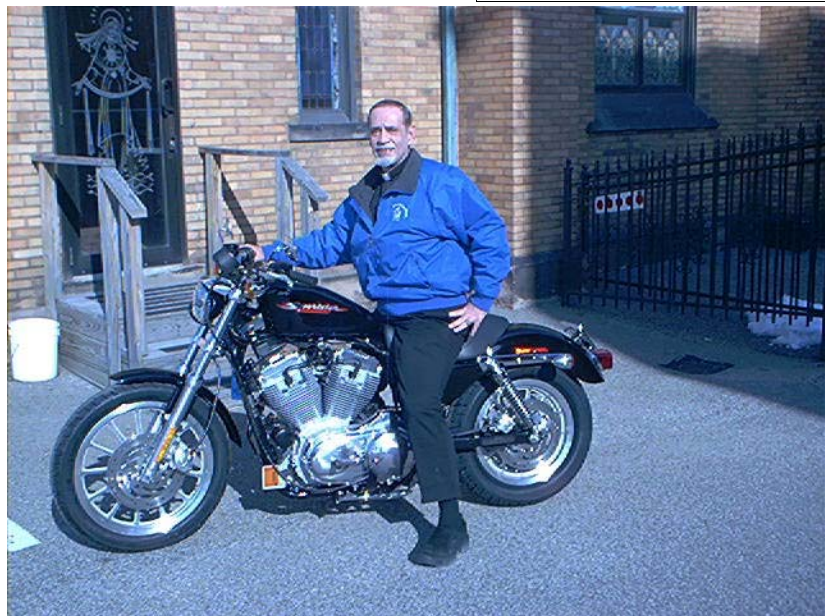
### Where are they?

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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Fr. Lou Vallone with one of his hobbies

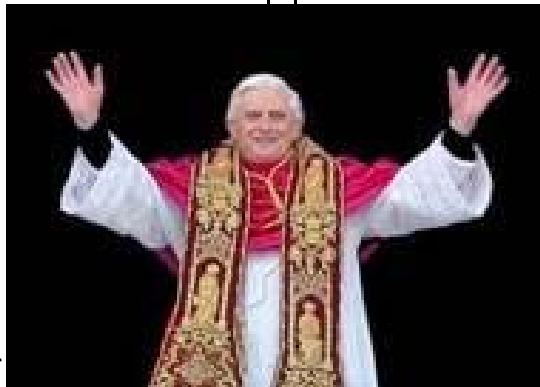


# Benedict XVI

## A Humble Worker in the Lord's Vineyard

*"After the Great Pope John Paul II, the cardinals have elected me, a simple, humble worker in the Lord's vineyard."*

As Pope John Paul II set the tone for his papacy with the words, "Be not afraid", I believe the first words of Pope Benedict XVI give us an indication of how he views his vocation as priest, bishop, cardinal and now, as pope. He described himself as an "insufficient instrument" dependent upon our prayers. The



Lord's vineyard is vast. The needs are many. As a simple, humble worker, our Holy Father, Benedict XVI, acknowledged that his role is to do the work of His Lord, to do His will. The vineyard is the Lord's. The vineyard imagery is appropriate in this Year of the Eucharist. The vine produces the grapes to make the wine. At the same time, the work of the vine dresser is to ensure that the branches do not grow too far from the vine. Christ is the vine. We are the branches. In an age of moral relativism and

radical new philosophies, the vine represents continuity. Truth doesn't change. Finally, Pope Benedict XVI will work to produce much fruit among the People of God. I believe this will be the contribution of his pontificate.

Mark Cotter '72



Coat of Arms of Benedict XVI

## 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:

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Send your information to:

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In futuro volo te mihi non scribere in lingua latina!



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## 2005 Annual Awards Dinner ~ July 24, 2005

### Personal Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
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 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Country \_\_\_\_\_

#	Please choose your entree(s)
	Boneless Chicken Breast a la Marsala Stuffed w/ Proscuitto & Cheese in Mushroom Sauce
	Breaded Veal Cutlet Parmigiano with Mozzarella Cheese
	Broiled Assorted Seafood Platter (shrimp, scallops, lemon sole)
	Broiled Fresh Fillet of Boston Scrod, English Style
	Broiled Pork Chops with Fresh Mushrooms

**Hors D'oeuvres:** Miniature Italian Meatballs, Thin Sliced Zucchini and Bruschetta

**Dinners Include:** Italian Wedding Soup, Tossed Salad, Baked Potato, Vegetable, Rolls and Butter, Ice Cream dessert, Coffee, Tea or Fountain Drink

### Payment Information

# Attending  @ \$50.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **\$15 of each ticket may be deducted as a charitable donation**

Check Make checks payable to: **BLS Alumni Association**

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