

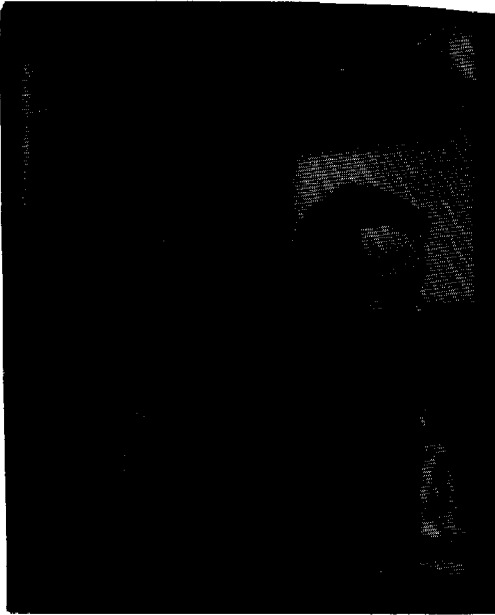
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LATIN SCHOOL FACULTY ALUMNUS ORDAINED PRIEST

"In a very real sense I consider myself to be the first alumnus of the Latin School to be ordained a priest." So remarked newly ordained Fr. Gerald J. Fitzpatrick in a homily delivered during a Mass of Thanksgiving offered at the school on Saturday evening, June 12. About a hundred friends, alumni and associates joined in offering the liturgy. Concelebrants included Jesuit Frs. William McGrath, Joseph Henry, Walter Buckius, B.L.S. headmaster, and James Gallagher. Members of the Alumni Association and students acted as servers and provided folk music for the occasion.

In his brief sermon Fr. Fitzpatrick emphasized his gratitude. He thanked all

of those present who had helped him to the attainment of the priesthood by their interest, friendship and prayers.

A buffet reception prepared by the Mother's Club of the Latin School was held in the cafeteria following the ceremony. Included among the gifts which the new priest received was a zippered leather brief case presented by the Alumni Association.

Father, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fitzpatrick, came to Pittsburgh one week following his ordination as a member of the Jesuit Maryland Province class of 1971. The ordination, held at the Loyola College Chapel in Baltimore, was presided over by Lawrence Cardinal Sheehan, Archbishop of Baltimore. Father had offered his first Mass the next day at his home parish in Philadelphia.

As a Jesuit scholastic Father had spent two and a half years at the Latin School, teaching mathematics from 1966-1968. During his stay he also served as moderator of the Freshman classes, moderator of the film seminar, and organizer of the bowling team. For the past three years Father has been studying theology at Woodstock, first in Maryland and later in New York City. He is currently at his apartment there, resuming work for his final year of theological study.

VINCE MARINO, '65
HOME FOR THE SUMMER

TALKS ABOUT LIFE IN ROME

Annually, several hundred men graduate from American colleges and universities with the idea of undertaking four more years of theological study in preparation for ordination to the priesthood. Since no school for degree theology study exists as a function solely for the Pittsburgh Diocese, a local seminarian may be sent for example, to St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, St. Meinrad, Indiana, or perhaps to the Gregorian University in Rome.

Vince Marino was assigned the Gregorian University as his place of theological work back in 1969. He and Bill Glunk, both members of the Latin School class of '65 and of the St. Paul Seminary class of '69, traveled together to take up studies in the Eternal City. Now a third year theologian, Vince, of St. Joseph Parish, Verona, had some noteworthy reflections on the past two years in an interview during a return here this summer for visiting and apostolic work.

When contemplating his choice of universities, Vince was eager for the possibility to participate in the enchantment of ancient Rome and to explore the countryside of Europe, while at the same time obtaining what is felt by some to be the best theological education the Catholic Church has to offer. Fortunately for Vince, reality has not been far removed from his dreams.

In the two years he has spent at the University, he has found the school challenging not only because of its reputation as a superb school of theology but for another reason, too. He notes that for better or worse, all classes, with the exception of seminars, are conducted in the native Italian. Upon arrival in Italy all students now undertake a

six week intensive study course to prepare for the utilization of the language.

Besides living and working as a student of a very intriguing school, Vince relates that he has also experienced the wonder of Rome and has fulfilled his desire for travel. He explains that life in Rome is different in many ways from an American city such as Pittsburgh. For example, in the ancient citadel night life, dining and most social entertainment begin after nine at night. Thus, the no curfew rule of the North American College dormitories is almost a necessity. Besides the highlights of Rome itself, Vince has had open before him an entire European treasure chest of knowledge and adventure. With Bill Glunk as a traveling partner he has journeyed to Vienna and Salzburg in Austria, Munich, Paris, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Greece, Sicily and Florence all in one year and a half. A bit more subdued now, Vince intends only to visit Spain and Portugal before returning once again to Rome in October.

In summary, Vince feels that Roman life has been exciting and active for him because he has taken advantage of the Gregorian University policy of almost total freedom. According to Vince, life in Rome can be, and has been for him, a culturally widening endeavor. He and Bill will be in Rome for at least the next two years prior to their ordination. Terry Fedigan of the Latin School class of 1966 joined them at Rome last year following his stay at St. Paul Seminary. Bill Ogradowski and Dave Carey, the two novice theologians, now bring to five the number of B.L.S. alumni at Rome involved in the study of theology.

Robert P. Miltenberger

Class of '68

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS, '71

For most it is a pleasure to reminisce the days spent as a student at the Latin School. However, one would not deem it reasonable for a B.L.S. graduate to keep the thoughts of his old comrades as mere memories. The B.L.S. Alumni Association is directed toward keeping the graduates in contact with each other in order to preserve a bond of fellowship and to provide a medium for the exchange of experiences.

The organization's Board of Governors is the moving force that conducts business and plans reunions, programs and get-togethers. It meets regularly every three months. Those who serve as officers are Ray Niedenberger, '67 President, Dan Carroll, '65, Vice-President and Social Chairman, and George Kline, '66, Secretary. Representatives include Mark McNulty, '65, Bill Steidle, '66, Greg Baker, '67, Brian Keane, '68, Bob Miltenberger, '68, Rich Krieger and Lenny Thomas, both from '69, Mark Weisser, '70. Newly appointed from the class of '71 by vote of the present members and recommendation of advisors are Frank Almada and Mike Wallisch.

Steve Palsa, '71



Alumni President and Secretary
at a recent meeting

KLINE'S KICK-BACK

ALUMNI DEVELOPEMENTS
CLASSES OF '65 AND '66

Where are they now? No simple question this be. Well here are some answers.

JOE HOPPER now owns and runs his own Listening Post in Mount Lebanon, having become his own variation on capitulism. DAN CONN is married and enjoying the fruits(?) of Uncle Sam's employ in Germany. ED CLOONAN is working for the LCB in Homewood and looking very well. DAN CARROLL still resides in Pgh., attending Law School at Duquesne U., though plans may change. BOB ZAJDEL is now on the faculty of Duquesne's Classics Department.

Regarding '66, BILL STEIDLE, the budding shyster, has become a partner in Attorney's Aides of Allegheny County(AAAC), started by TOM McMAHON, also a once BLS man. JIM McMAHON has recently married and moved to Philly to fulfill his C.O. duties in a mental hospital. BOB DUGAN married in January and is stationed out of Newport News with our mighty Navy; he had been ten months in Vietnam. BOB KUHN has been migrated to Cam Rahn Bay, taking care in a PX or whatever that Army does; he says all is well. JOE VATER is in Calif., and so also is JIM O'TOOLE, both of the USAF. JOHN FELDMIEIER has been transferred to San Antonio for the same service.

These few strike my memory at the moment. Please, if you are reading this, let me know of your future plans or present situation so I can write more the next time. I am usually found to be

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THE B.L.S. CLASS
OF '67
TWENTY-SEVEN ROADS
AND FOUR YEARS LATER

In June of 1967 27 seniors were graduated from the Latin School in Sunday evening ceremonies held in Ss. Peter and Paul Church. In recent interviews each member of the class reported his individual progress from that day until now.

Larry Kustra received a degree in Philosophy following four years at Duquesne University. He is working toward an M.A. in Philosophy there with hopes of continuing on for a Ph.D. He is now teaching Religion at St. Elizabeth High School in Pleasant Hills. Fred Bush, who graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in August, majored in History and worked part-time at the school's radio station, WPIT. He may go into teaching. Walter Schran attended Duquesne U. and St. Paul Seminary. He was granted a B.A. degree in Greek. This September he has begun studying under the Master's Degree program at St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe. Skip Shannon spent four years at Marquette U. in Milwaukee, concentrating on English and Education. He was awarded his B.A. degree summa cum laude. Married in Milwaukee in June, He and his bride have just moved to Boston where he will study for a Master's in Remedial Reading and Diagnostic Education at Boston U. Frank DiLeo worked in the area of Psychology at Duquesne. He had received a Duquesne grant, a PSEAA scholarship, and a "National Key" scholarship, and was graduated cum laude in May. He has no plans at present. Dave Jastrab studied in Classics under the St. Paul Seminary program at Duquesne. He has been assigned by the diocese to study Theology at St. Francis Seminary in Loretto. Lou Farnish was at the University of Detroit,

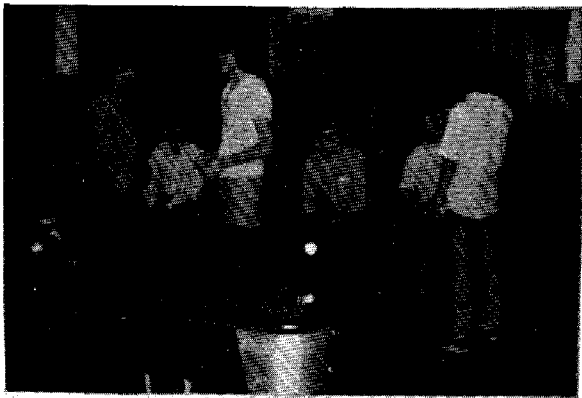
then transferred to Pittsburgh's Triangle School of Drafting. In the Army since January of 1969 he attained the rank of Sp/4. He has just returned from a tour of duty as a medic in Vietnam. Dave Carey spent a year at St. Paul Seminary after which he took up study under the B.A. program in Philosophy at St. John's College in Annapolis. He is now in Rome preparing for the S.T.B. program at Gregorian University in preparation for diocesan ordination. Kerry Lynn is currently in his final semester in Classics at Duquesne where he is involved in the ROTC program. Mike Murphy completed work in English at Notre Dame this past spring. He is presently working as an advertisement salesman for the "Courier", Pittsburgh's black newspaper. Gilbert Puznakoski was graduated from Duquesne and St. Paul Seminary with a major in Classics. He is now studying Theology for the Pittsburgh Diocese at St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana. Joe Janovec still has one year left at the University of Detroit's School of Accounting. He has been active as an officer in two separate fraternities. Ray Niedenberger is now at St. Meinrad Seminary under a full scholarship, following four years at St. Paul Seminary. He left Duquesne summa cum laude with a degree in Philosophy and was awarded the gold medal in the Humanities. He also holds a Certificate from "Who's Who Among Students In American Colleges And Universities". John Yurko attended Notre Dame University and studied for a degree in communication arts. While there he won the Franklin Schurz Award for excellence in broadcast journalism. He plans to be married in May and will soon attend signal command school at Fort Gordon, Ga. as a 2nd Lt. in the Air Reserves. Larry Huber graduated from Duquesne in August. He was married in May and is now residing in McKeesport. He is teaching at St. Bernadette Elementary School in

Monroeville. Jim Bedillion took up Latin and Greek during his college days at St. Paul Seminary and Duquesne. He is continuing studies for the diocesan priesthood at Pontifical College Josephinum in Worthington, Ohio under a Master's of Religious Education program. Ray Hornak is in his fourth year at Wheeling College with a major in English. He may join the Navy after graduation. Bob Connolly graduated summa cum laude from Marquette with a B.A. in Sociology. He also received the Phi Beta Kappa Award. Just married on August 21 in Milwaukee he is now living in Pittsburgh, attending the Graduate School of Social Work at Pitt. Jim Herrle spent four years in Psychology at Allegheny College, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree. He may do social work in the near future. Bill Ogrodowski was granted a degree in Classics from Duquesne summa cum laude. He also received the Praestantia Linguarum Classicarum, the gold medal for general excellence, and is enrolled on the list of "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities". Having spent the last three years at St. Paul Seminary he is continuing his studies for the priesthood at North American College and Gregorian University in Rome. Frank Borowski majored in English while attending St. Vincent College in Latrobe. He is undecided concerning future plans. Greg Baker is finishing up work in Geography at Pitt and has recently been living at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity house in Oakland. He plans to select a graduate school of business in working toward a C.P.A. Pat Joyce obtained his degree in Political Science and Journalism from Duquesne and received an "Outstanding Senior-Special Award". He had served as chairman for the Third Alternative-Students to Save Duquesne, and was also elected to student congress for two terms. He is now working in the office of the

Chairman of the Allegheny County Commissioners as an advisor for youth affairs. He will enter the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at Pitt in January. Gerry Ries graduated from Boston College magna cum laude with a B.A. degree. He has returned there to take up studies in the law school. Dan DiNardo attended Duquesne University and St. Paul Seminary for two years. He was then awarded a Basselin Foundation scholarship for diocesan seminarians to study Philosophy at Catholic University. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in June summa cum laude. Under the grant he has returned to C.U. to obtain his M.A. this year. There he is also chairman of the Pastoral Committee at the House of Formation for Theological College. He will enter a major theoligate in the fall of '72 in further preparation for the priesthood. Ken Garver will graduate from the University of Pittsburgh in December with a degree in English. At Pitt he was active in the Ski Club and a number of other organizations. He may go into teaching or go on to law school. Mitch Jarosz will graduate from Duquesne in December with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics. He has been active in ROTC and has been a brother of Beta Pi Sigma fraternity.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The By-Lines, as the voice of the B.L.S. Alumni Association, wishes to acknowledge in a special way the previously unmentioned contribution of Mitch Jarosz to the efficient handling of the Association's mailing. Mitch devotes time and effort, whenever he is called upon, in running the mailing envelopes through the addressograph at St. Francis Hospital where he has been employed part-time for several years. The Association is immeasurably aided by the significant and practical help of such men.

ALUMNI SUMMER REUNION



Once I found the place (and I was supposed to help run the party), I felt a sudden thrill that the evening would go beyond any preconceived hopes. About eight the faithful came in fine number to pay homage to the temporal spirits of Budweiser. While I did not recognize the younger grads, old men of my era revived my aging corpus as they stormed the gates. Pat Joyce appeared early and found others from '67 ready for the long night's journey into previous days. John Yurko mimicked his career as a broadcaster; Dan DiNardo interpreted for Gilbert P. while Dave Carey just let the talk fly free. Meanwhile, Lou Vallone held audience on the porch which was held down on the other side by Little Eddie Cloonan. The men of '65 later surrounded the kegs in a festal, yes even primordial rite of joking and long story telling. Only Paul Schratz could control them in his unique presence.

Upstairs while Bogart called for to play it again, Gerry Mikonis and Ray Iako hurled threats and ageless profanities across the pool table. Greg Baker cringed at the clatter as he ran about checking on the pizza supply; much thanks must proceed to him and his frat brothers for their house and help in making the evening possible. Fr. Gerry Fitz arrived late, having driven from N.Y. He joined his Jesuit comrade, Fr. Larry Jones, who had been there from the start. I

would finally mention that the younger men made a valiant effort, but when two a.m. came only aging limbs could be seen scrambling home to those life-saving morning-after tablets.

Sincerely, though, thanks to all of you for really making it. The life generated that night proved the Latin School spirit alive and loud-strong, if we only but let it be heard.

George Kline, '66



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SEVENTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT
EXERCISES HELD FOR B.L.S.

Sunday, June 6, 1971 witnessed the Bishop's Latin School's seventh graduation which took place at St. Casimir Church, adjacent to the school, on Sarah St. Bishop Leonard was the main concelebrant at the afternoon mass. Among others were Fr. Walter Buc-kius, Headmaster, Fr. James Gal-lagher, S.J., Fr. Henry, S.J. and Fr. McGrath, S.J. Also in atten-dance were Msgr. Donald W. Kraus, President of St. Paul Seminary, Fr. John M. O'Toole, Diocesan Di-rector of Vocations and Bishop's Secretary, and Fr. Lawrence E. Jones, former B.L.S. headmaster. Alumni of the school acted as commentator and servers.

The number of those gradua-ting was an impressive thirty-one, and all plan to attend col-lege. Of the twelve men entering a college seminary, six are now at St. Paul Seminary, Crafton, four are studying at St. Meinrad College Seminary, Indiana, and two have entered the Society of Jesus. In addition to the Latin School's annual bestowal of gold, silver and bronze medals, the re-cipients of the four traditional awards were as follows: to Mi-chael A. Wallisch of St. Albert the Great Parish, Baldwin Borough went the Alumni Medal, to Regis J. Flaherty of Holy Innocents Pa-rish, Sheridan went the William J. Walsh Award, to Frank Almade, St. Wendelin, the John Cardinal Wright Award for General Excel-lence and to David Kriss, the John Reed Memorial Scholarship Grant for seminary study.

In his lengthy speech the Bi-shop placed the achievements of the graduates within the perspec-tive context of the history of the Pittsburgh Diocese and chal-lenged them to use their capabi-lities for the future good of the Church.

William M. Ogradowski, '67

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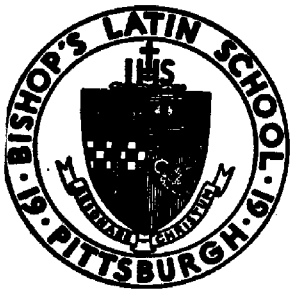
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Dear Alumnus:

Peace of Christ!

I would like to make use of some space in the Alumni By-Lines to address a few words to all of you. Since we started publishing the news-letter I have refrained from writing a Moderator's Column for several reasons. Now, however, I would like to say a few words.

In the early years of the Alumni organization the attendance at our reunions was extraordinarily high. On a percentage basis we ran far ahead of the national average. There has been some drop lately but this is understandable due to the fact that our graduates are now spread all over the United States and foreign countries. The By-Lines was started to keep you in touch with your old classmates - at least to let you know where they are and what they are doing - and also to keep you informed of the progress of the Latin School.

The fact that our organization is so young and that our members are just beginning their careers or still in school presents various problems. One is financial. We have tried to keep the costs down. Last year there were no dues! Reunions and news-letters, however, do cost. The Board of Governors (listed on another page) will discuss these problems at their next meeting. Please contact your class representative with any suggestions you may have about the Alumni Association.

I would like to ask several favors. (1) Please try to attend whatever Alumni or school functions you can. We need you! (2) Please send in your contributions any time and especially if we send out an S.O.S. (3) Don't forget that whether or not you see us often or contribute, you are still a member of the Alumni Association. (4) Please pray for us as these are serious days for the Latin School.

I pray for all of you each day at Mass. Thanks for your cooperation and for helping the school in any way you can.

Sincerely in our Lord,