

# The Perpetual Light

Presented to graduates, friends and supporters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School



## *Principal's Perspective* By Corrine Muscat

As the new school year has begun, our school on the top of the hill has embarked on some exciting new projects. The most ambitious of these projects is our “Adopt – A – Room” campaign.

There is no question that the academic, social and spiritual guidance, which the students of OLPH receive, is unparalleled. However, the building is in great need of some renovations. Our building has stood for over 67 years, and as you can imagine, it is showing the wear and tear of those many years. At this time, our greatest need is for funding to replace the classroom windows. Several of the classroom windows are broken, and many have rusted frames, which leak during rainy days. It is imperative that we correct this situation as soon as possible in order to provide a safe and secure learning environment for our students.

It is in response to this concern that we have launched our Adopt-A-Room campaign. We are dedicated to improving the physical condition of our building so that the beauty on the outside is reflective of the beauty within.

The Adopt-A-Room campaign aims to raise money to replace the damaged windows and blinds throughout our school. We have secured contractor bids and are committed to completing Phase 1 of the project this year, which will allow us to replace all of the north side windows, since those are showing the greatest need. This would be a total of 34 windows. Our generous OLPH families, staff, and parish have contributed the vast majority of the funding to complete Phase 1. In order to move on to Phase 2 of the project, new windows for the rest of the classrooms as well as the stairwells, we need your help. It is my intent to secure funding for Phase 2 of this project through grants & generous donations from alumni like you. A donation of \$5,000 will “Adopt – A – Room,” and a plaque will be placed with the donor’s name in the room. I realize such a donation may be more than you can give. Perhaps alumni classes can join together to adopt a room? Any amount helps. Together we can make a difference. Together we can make Our Lady of Perpetual Help School shine!! Thank you in advance for giving what you can.

\*Checks can be made out to: OLPH School. Please write, “Adopt – A – Room” in the memo line. You will receive a donation letter for tax purposes.

## DINNER FUNDRAISER ~ “GRAPE EXPECTATIONS” ~ SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2015



## *What's Developing?* By Bill Kovacich

Maybe I’m more aware of it now that I am sometimes home during the hours of nine to five. I get calls from carpet cleaners, roofers, and handymen, to say nothing of sheriff, police and fire departments from all over the country. How in the world do they all have my home phone number? Worthy causes like cancer, Alzheimer’s, arthritis and heart disease all have representatives who are sorry to bother me but... well, you all know the pitch. Where do we draw the line? Roxanne and I have agreed to support Catholic education as our charity of choice. This is a challenge in itself, since we have been or are directly affiliated with fourteen different Catholic Schools.

As a Catholic schoolteacher, administrator and now as a director of development, I have had to ask for donations all my working life. Here I am, now a director of development and although I don’t call homes, I do solicit donations on behalf of OLPH. Unlike Public schools, which are financed publically through community taxes, Catholic Schools are on their own, supported by tuition, fundraising and donations.

In round numbers, it costs an average of \$11,000 to educate a public school student (about \$9,000 in California). Because the archdiocese office works with a streamlined administrative staff, efficient use of programs and supplies as well as teachers who work for less pay, Catholic K-8 education in the Bay Area is quite economical. The per pupil cost at OLPH is about \$6,400. Because of fundraising and donations, tuition is about \$600 per student below this number.

Many of you already are regular contributors to our scholarship fund, Ferrari School Improvement and adopt-a-student programs. Along with the auction, parish subsidy and a few generous private donations, this still only covers about 7% of our 1.2 million dollar annual budget.

As you read above, we are trying to complete some much-needed maintenance on our sixty-eight year old building. For about \$60,000, we can replace all the broken/rusting windows in the building. The immediate goal set by our principal, Mrs. Muscat, is to have half the building completed by the first of the year. The “Adopt-a Room” campaign means we can provide windows and window shades for about \$5,000 per room. Can you pledge? Any amount would be graciously accepted and a plaque inscribed with the names of major donors will be hung in each room.

# WHAT'S NEW AT OLPH SCHOOL



## Bucket Challenge

Vice principal, Sheila Ortega and teacher Mary Tunnell are soaked by parent Charles Green and student president, Mark Munda



## Ice Cream Social

Mrs. Marapao/Arapoc (Kinder parent) serving ice cream to 5th graders, Adriana Sanchez and Jamm Magaling



Painting Party with parents Voltaire Tadeo and Cheryl Consing



Painting Party with Teacher Mary Tunnell and Principal Corrine Muscat



Fourth graders are the choir participants for Sunday Mass



Halloween turkey burgers, Calvin and Aldrin Guzman



"Let's go Giants!"  
Brandon Guardado  
and Mia Lopez, grade 4



*The Development Department, staff and parents of  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help School  
cordially invite you to join us for an evening  
of dining, socialization, along with our usual silent and oral auctions.  
This year, following dinner we will be honoring  
the OLPH Class of 1965 with "Golden Diplomas".*

# GRAPE EXPECTATIONS

## 2015 OLPH Auction/Dinner

Saturday, March 7, 2015

**6:30 - Silent Auction with finger food and No-Host Bar**

**7:45 - Prime Rib Dinner including: Salad, Prime Rib, Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Vegetables. White and red wine on the table followed by Dessert**

**8:30 - Class of 1965 Golden Diplomas**

**8:45 - Oral Auction & Raffle**

**\$65 per person ~ Tables of 10 and 6 may be reserved.**

**Cash raffle prizes will be announced after the live auction. Need not be present to win!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

FOR ALUMNI ONLY Please indicate Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_ x \$65 = Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

I/We are unable to attend. Please accept a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: "OLPH Development"

Checks must be received no later than February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 (SORRY, NO EXCEPTIONS)

Tickets will be reserved under your name at the door. Please complete this form and mail to:

OLPH Auction Dinner  
80 Wellington Avenue  
Daly City, CA 94014

For questions or information contact:

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## *Class of 1965 Reunion*

Saturday, March 7, 2015 at our OLPH Auction Dinner

*Golden Diplomas will be presented to '65 Graduates in attendance.*

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CONTACT THE OLPH DEVELOPMENT OFFICE***

*We will correct the oversight in the winter issue of "The Perpetual Light"*

Notes from Past Grads....

Where Are They Now???

*Attention Alumni: What's new in your life? People want to know!  
We will include your updates in the February edition of  
"The Perpetual Light".*

You can communicate with us to by:

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## 2015 AUCTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2015

# GRAPE EXPECTATIONS

*Donations, especially large format bottles of wine, wine trips and wine country related items needed. All donations graciously accepted.  
Contact Bill Kovacich at [olphdc@yahoo.com](mailto:olphdc@yahoo.com)*

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WILSON GLEAN  
*Parent and wife of OLPH teacher*

SR. LAUREEN DOROTHEY BOYLE  
*Dominican and former CSJ*

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**LET US KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN DOING!** Contact Bill Kovacich

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