

The Perpetual Light

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

THE OLPH CAPITAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN — WE'RE HALFWAY THERE!

By Ed Mahoney '61, Development Director

In the last issue of "The Perpetual Light," I highlighted an anonymous donation of \$25,000 from a past graduate of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School. We are sincerely grateful to this generous individual and his family for their noble gesture, which has given us a boost toward attaining our goal of \$90,000 in the first-ever OLPH Capital Fundraising Campaign.

When the final tally was in from our March Auction/Dinner fundraiser (see pictures on page 6), we had added another \$22,000 to the pot. Individual contributions, including a sizeable sum lobbied from Daly City businesses First National Bank and City Toyota by our own **Bob Brugioni '53**, as well as **Arlene (Kordoules '53)** and Jim Russi, brought the total up to around \$50,000--over halfway toward the \$90,000 goal.

The question remains--whence the remaining \$40,000 to cap the campaign? The answer lies in the generous hearts and souls of all of you, the Alumni, friends and supporters of OLPH. I hereby make this plea to you to play a role in beautifying and upgrading OUR SCHOOL by sending in your donation today! There is a form for this purpose, with all necessary details, printed on the inside back page of this newsletter.

Inside you will see photos of some of the improvements that have already taken place since the beginning of the campaign--notably, the flooring, lighting and stage curtains in Alumni Hall. Recent visitors to the school (not to mention our appreciative students) have commented frequently about the downstairs hall no longer looking like a dungeon. When the next phase of remodeling, energy-efficient windows is completed, the room will truly be a



A Matter of Principal

By Bill Kovacich

Gradually, our dreams are becoming a reality. As you may remember from our last newsletter, the development department recently embarked on a project to refurbish Alumni Hall. Thanks mainly to the great response we received from Alumni, parents and friends, we are halfway toward our \$90,000 goal. Not waiting for the full goal to be reached, improvements were started immediately. As some of you saw during our Annual Auction/Dinner in March, the floor was replaced and work on the hall/cafeteria lighting had already begun in February. Thanks to the experience and wisdom of alumnus **Bob Brugioni '53**, we saved thousands of dollars on projected boiler repairs. The final phase, the replacement of the corroded windows, will require more funds, which we hope to raise during the coming year.

Finally, since our computer instruction is mostly mobile, we were able to combine the old computer lab with the library, creating a more updated Media Room. The old computer room will now be used as a tutorial room. Thanks to your past and continued support, our dreams will continue to come true.



showplace, befitting the great history and tradition that is Our Lady of Perpetual Help School. Please acknowledge what OLPH gave you in the past by investing in its future today!

We note with sadness the passing of Sister Alexis Smith, CSJ a few months ago. I had the pleasure of speaking with her on the phone weeks before she died. She was my teacher in the 2nd grade and was perhaps one of the most revered teachers from OLPH's early days.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, March 3, 2007 Auction/Dinner-Dance

Sister Alexis Smith, CSJ January 28, 1922 - March 29, 2006

The future Sister Alexis Smith was born on January 28, 1922 to Katherine (Theisen) and Bernard Smith of San Francisco; she was named Veronica June, but was called June. While still an infant, she developed nearly fatal pneumonia. Sister Alexis attributed her survival to her German grandmother, who had rubbed her night and day with camphor oil.

Little June's education began in public school; however, her sensitive nature did not thrive there, so when she was in third grade, her parents enrolled her and her younger brother Jack in Corpus Christi School. The Sisters were a very positive influence, and Sister Alexis remembered Sister Laurentia in particular, who was the principal and superior. She also named each of her teachers in order: Sister Michael, Sister Beatrice, Sister Lucy, Sister Pierre, and Sister Clementia. She described her eighth grade teacher, Sister Regina Beaugard, as a "friend and mentor."



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Sister Alexis *continued*

On July 1, 1941, June left San Francisco on the "Daylight" [train], escorted by Sister Loraine Mamer. She entered the Community of Saint Joseph on the following day: "It was everything I dreamed it to be." She began her ministry as a second year novice helping in the x-ray department at St. Joseph Hospital in Orange. After first profession, she continued this ministry at St. Luke Hospital in Pasadena.

In September 1948, Sister Alexis began her thirty-nine year ministry in education, teaching in elementary schools from Texas to Hawaii, and in between in Lynwood, Daly City (OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP), Los Banos, San Francisco and Santa Rosa. Most of those years she taught the middle grades, especially the fifth grade. She excelled with children of this age-group, and was an effective and beloved teacher.

Sister became a librarian in 1973 and served at her alma mater, Corpus Christi School, as well as St. Eugene's in Santa Rosa and St. Bernard's in Eureka.

After a sabbatical year in the Credo program in Spokane, Washington, Sister Alexis became program aid in an Adult Day Care Program and later Pastoral Associate at Queen of the Valley Hospital in Napa, and St. Jude Medical Center in Fullerton. From 1991 to 1994, she served as Assistant Administrator of Regina Residence.

Sister Alexis did not leave any commentary about her life or the ministries that she engaged in, but those in the Congregation who knew her well describe her as a humble woman, one of outstanding integrity, and simple pleasures; she loved a good joke and a good game of bingo. She was delightful to live with - a steady, pleasant person faithful to her vocation and to the God who called her by name.

Did you graduate in '42 or '74?

**We need your
graduation photo!**

**Old photographs
gathering dust?**

Send Them To Us !!!!

Open House *January 28, 2006*

**Jim and Arleen
(Kordoules '53)
Russi, and
Mike Ryan '53**



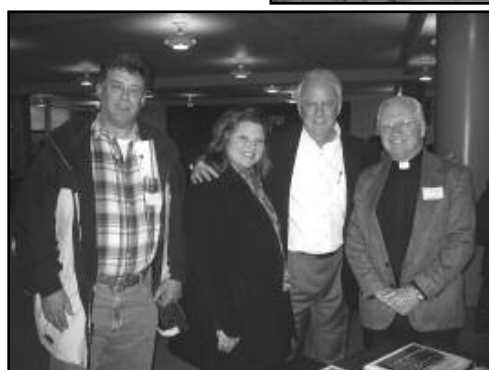
**Larry and Kathy
(Carroll '59) Nibbi
and Father Joseph
Gordon '59**



**Bob Brouwers '61,
Al Menicucci '45,
Tom Menicucci '49
and Bob Konevich
'62**



**Dennis Pustelnik
'69, Mitzi and Bob
Konevich '62 and Fr.
Joe Gordon '59**



**Dennis Pustelnik
'69 and Terry
Irwin '58**



What's Happening at OLPH



OLPH CLASS OF 2006 MOVES ON

By 8th Grade Teacher Mary Lucett

Members of the OLPH Graduating Class of 2006 came together on June 2nd to receive diplomas and awards. **Elizabeth Bilasano**, Student Council President, and **Alexis Ingco**, Class President, urged their classmates to use the skills they gained at OLPH for the public good. The Bud Duggan Scholarship for Kindness Award was presented to **Ria Aquino**. Accepted with honors to St. Ignatius College Preparatory were **Maureen Loughrey**, **Lowell Roxas** and **Stefanie Santos**. Accepted with Distinction to Immaculate Conception Academy and recipient of the Spartan Scholarship was **Natasha Marston**. Mercy SF and Archbishop Riordan High School will also be receiving some of our grads. Other students will be attending high schools in the local high school districts.

Congratulations to the OLPH Class of 2006! You have now reached a milestone in your life--GRADUATION FROM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL! You should be proud of this accomplishment because it represents nine years of commitment and hard work on your part. Certainly, this hard work has prepared you for a bright and successful future in high school.



Aaron Calabio, Keith Suguitan, Matthew Ignao, Kristian Suguitan, Tyler Rasay, Christian Lopez (7th), Kevin Suguitan (7th)

OLPH FIFTH GRADERS PITCH IN TO HELP ENVIRONMENT

By Coby Lopez and Ethan Ibay

The Our Lady of Perpetual Help Fifth Grade participated in a beach clean-up on March 5, 2006 and again on May 7, 2006 when 6th, 7th and 8th graders helped clean up Ocean Beach. The Surfrider Foundation gave us gloves and trash bags to pick up garbage. We found bottle caps, cigarette butts, plastic, styrofoam, bottles, cups and cans. We were studying about the importance of clean water and pollution. So we joined the beach clean-up to make the beach safer for people and animals. We learned that the beach was dirty because of people who litter and are too lazy to go to the trash can. We felt good because we helped the animals and the environment.

“There was trash everywhere,” says Don Jeremy Miralles. “But thanks to our school, we helped make it cleaner.” Peter Estay added this somber message: “The beach was dirty. Please don’t litter. We need to keep our world clean.”

(Story and photos submitted by 5th grade teacher Ms. Mary Tunnell and her class)



Taylor Lopez, Reina Sanz, Angelina Sangalang, Jassmine Yumul, Ica Cabral, Gabrielle Geronimo



OLPH Principal Bill Kovacich, Pastor Antonio Petilla, Sonia Aquino, **Ria Aquino**, Dan Duggan, of Duggan's Serra Family Mortuaries

“LIKE MOTHER, LIKE DAUGHTER”

2006 OLPH graduate **Ria Aquino** received the annual “Bud Duggan Award for Kindness” presented annually to a student who exhibits outstanding selflessness and kindness toward fellow students during the course of her OLPH career. Ria was presented with a plaque and a \$300 scholarship to the high school of her choice.

With Ria is her Mom, Sonia Aquino, who is this year’s recipient of the OLPH Community Service Award, given each year to a person whose contributions of time, talent and/or treasure to the parish and school community are considered extraordinary and exemplary. Sonia served five consecutive terms as Parent Club president and contributed her time and energy to virtually every important project during her eleven years as a parent at OLPH.

ACOSTA'S PRESENTED JAMES COSTELLO AWARD



The James Costello Service to Students Award is presented each year in gratitude to a person who has demonstrated exceptional service to students at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School. The award is named after the longtime, respected, and now retired principal of OLPH, James Costello. This is the third year the award is being presented. The previous winners are: 3rd grade teacher, Sister Philomene Golonka and 8th grade teacher, Mary Lucett.

This year’s honorees are a couple--Ivan and Juana Acosta. Together, this remarkable pair has contributed a lifetime of good works and blessings to OLPH. Ivan is a tireless employee who works willingly with pride and with personal responsibility in all that he does. Juana is a longtime employee who has over and over volunteered her time on weekends, after school and during the summer. She initiated and maintained an effective after school extended care program. In addition, the Acosta’s have produced three sons and four grandchildren who have attended Our Lady of Perpetual Help School. OLPH is honored to have such genuinely selfless and hard-working employees. Congratulations Ivan and Juana!

Notes from past grads...

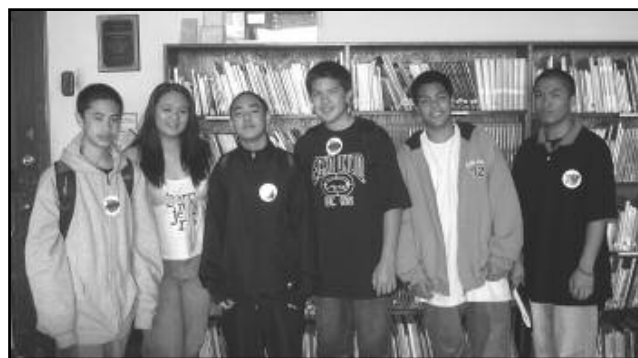
1944 MARY (SCHUBERT) PAKULAK announces the birth of her granddaughter, Anneka Rose Vonder Kuhlen, on 1/26/06, joining her 16-year old (confirmed on May 7th) brother, Demian Thomas. Mary enjoyed reading about Father Bergin in the last newsletter and it resurrected memories of countless hours in the rectory spent stuffing envelopes. Every Christmas and Eastertime, she and a few others were charged with cleaning all of the brass fixtures in the church. Mary's brother **JAMES SCHUBERT '41** won a first place scholarship to St. Peter's High School in the Mission and his one daughter, Sister Marion Schubert, is a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange.

1948 MARION (ELLIOTT) OAKLEY and her reunion committee composed of **Janet (Schreiber) Cereghino, Liz (Fenton) Borg, Betty (Curtin) Cutietta, Mary (Simmons) Muller and Aileen (Greer) Hogue**, put together another very successful annual reunion of their class at Nick's Rockaway on April 19, 2006. 11 grads showed up, including the elusive **Ed Nolan!** Also on hand, in addition to committee members, were **Ed Aguirre, Jim Reardon, Margaret (Aguirre) Melgarejo, Alice (Aguirre) Vargas, Jackie (Frellson) Castruita and Shirley (Milano) Allen.**

1957-1967 JOHANNA CADERA (Formerly **SISTER JOHN VIANNEY, CSJ**) sends greetings from her home in Fresno, CA. "JV" wrote a nice note to the grads of 1961, congratulating them on their reunion and for remaining close over the years. She taught the class for three years--5th, 6th and 8th grades.

1960 BEVERLY (KEARNEY) EPSTEIN and her brother, **JIM KEARNEY '61**, co-own a nightclub in Walnut Creek called O'Kearney's Fun House.

1961 MIKE SHEA was recognized recently by the City of Daly City and Firefighters Union Local 1879 upon his retirement from the DCFD after 33 years of service. Daly City Mayor Sal Torres presented Mike with a proclamation, acknowledging his many achievements as a firefighter, including participating in the California Overhead Strike Teams to the Pebble Beach Incident in 1987 and the Tunnel Fire Incident in the Oakland Hills in 1991. Named "Firefighter of the Year" in 1984, he was promoted to the rank of Fire Captain in 1986 and went on to be appointed Acting Battalion Chief in 1989. His sister **Ruth '58** and brother **John '65** are



Class of 1948 Reunion - Nick's Rockaway in Pacifica on April 19, 2006
back: **Ed Aguirre, Bill Allen, Hank Castruita, Ed Cereghino, Jim Reardon, Joe Piazza, Ed Nolan**; front: **Margaret (Aguirre) Melgarejo, Aileen (Hogue) Greer, Betty (Curtin) Cutietta, Alice (Aguirre) Vargas, Janet (Schreiber) Cereghino, Marion (Elliott) Oakley, Jackie (Frellson) Castruita, Shirley (Allen) Milano, Gerda (Greer) Piazza '50**

2005 Grads, students at Westmoor High in Daly City, reunite in OLPH library: **Edward Viray, Mabel Cristobal, Manuel Najera**, a Westmoor classmate, **Rodney Manalo and Dionathan Andallo.**

Upcoming REUNIONS

CLASS OF 1958—50 years. Being planned for summer of 2008 in OLPH Alumni Hall.
Contact Mike Stanley at XSTEAMERX@aol.com

CLASS OF 1962 Interested in organizing a 45 year reunion in 2007?
Contact Bob Konevich @ bobkonevich@hotmail.com

CLASS OF 1973 Tim Brown is searching for parties interested in a reunion.
Contact Tim at a035649@Allstate.com

CLASS OF 1980 Daphne McCorery would like to see a gathering of the OLPH'er's who graduated in 1976-1981.
E-mail OLPH Development Office at EMah1965@aol.com to relay a message to Daphne regarding a reunion

CLASS OF 1986 Francisco Galvez is trying to organize a 20-year reunion of his class in September. Helping him is classmate, Carlo Roca.
Contact Francisco at (415) 724-5818 (cell).

CLASS OF 1995 Isela Gallard and Elijah Alaimo are planning a reunion of their class in September of this year at "Dave and Busters" in the Great Mall, Milpitas.
Contact Isela at (415) 724-4948 (cell)

Where Are They Now???

1961 DAVID DEMPSEY received his medical degree after graduating from the University of Nebraska. He currently resides in Mill Valley and is a surgeon affiliated with San Francisco General Hospital.

1969 RICK PACHECO came by for a visit and is interested in reuniting with some of his classmates. Rick was class president in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades! He marvels at the fact that there were three Pacheco families at OLPH in the 50's to '70's, not related, and they all lived close to one another!

1969 WAYNE BASCOM is currently living in San Angelo, TX and is most eager to hear from any of his classmates. You can e-mail Wayne at groups@wabasco.net.

1974 MARK STANLEY recently exchanged vows with his beloved Terry in an outdoor service at Golden Gate Park on Saturday, June 10th.

1976 JAMES PAGAN is the proud parent of **Justin Pagan**, a member of the OLPH graduating class of 2006. Like his father, Justin will be continuing his studies at Archbishop Riordan High School. Congratulations, James and Justin!

1978 ALEX NELSON is a veteran of Desert Storm, currently working in the medical field.



1980 DAPHNE K. McCORERY is the author of the recently published [The Five Enemies: Based on the Dharma for the Secular World](#). A second book, [The Four Friends](#), is due out in early 2007. Daphne has been deeply involved with self-help techniques, astrology and spirituality for the majority of her life. She is also a fine artist and holds a certificate in Small Business and an Associates Degree. Her books can be ordered on-line from Amazon and Barnes and Noble, as well as from the publisher, iUniverse. Daphne has fond memories of her 4th grade teacher, **Linda (Molini '61) Parini**, herself an OLPH graduate. "I just loved Mrs. Parini. She gave me a rosary bracelet that she had as a child."

1980 DARRYL McCORERY also graduated in 1980 with his twin sister, Daphne. They are still in touch with **Adora Gonzales '80** and **Arthur Gonzales '78**, as well as **William Murray '78**, all of whom still live in Daly City. Both Darryl and Daphne look forward to a reunion of their classmates, particularly the classes from 1978 through 1981, since there were some very close friendships developed during that period.

1982 ATANACIO PENAS (TONY) BAYUDAN attended the recent graduation of his niece, **Melanie Nonog '06**, whose sister, **Vanessa Nonog** graduated in 2004. "I am very proud of them, especially since they took part in the recent plays at OLPH. I think it's great to get kids involved with the arts, and wish the school continued success with many more plays to follow." Tony has been employed for 9 years by Spectrum Federal Credit Union doing Community Outreach. He is hopeful that his class will organize a reunion for their 25th in 2007 and has offered to help out.

2000 JESSICA DELA MERCED graduated from SI in 2004 and is now attending UC Irvine, studying film. Jessica is the 3rd Dela Merced to graduate from OLPH.

2000 LAUREN SANCHEZ is attending UCLA and studying Molecular Biology. She is a graduate of St. Ignatius College Prep.

2005 MANUEL NAJERA and **FATIMA AVELLAN** recently returned to OLPH to help with the school play, "Hitchcock Honeymoon." Manuel, now a student at Westmoor High, ran the sound system and Fatima, who attends Mercy, SF, was



March 4th Auction/Dinner OLPH '64 grads **Kathy (Harrison '64) Duffy**, **Noelle (Clark '64) Bianchi** and **Barbara (Senkir '64) Hall**



Class of 1961 45th-year Reunion at the Basque Cultural Center on June 24, 2006 **Marianne (Lewis) Hill**, **Gerry Nolan**, **Jerry Senkir**, **Mary Kaye (Hartl) Radley**, **Mike Shea**, **Diane (Gugino) Ross**, **Margie (Muela) Eriksson**, **Edy (Howell) Ternullo**, **Carol Perotti**, **Ed Mahoney**, **Kathy (daRoza) O'Rourke**, **Linda (Molini) Parini**, **Wayne Pearson**

Auction/Dinner March 4, '06



Dennis Dineen, Sister Philomene (3rd grade teacher) **Joyce (Webb '52)** Dineen, Dixie Nunes (**Bob '53**), **Bob Brugioni '53** and his wife Linda and **Bob Rider '53**



Frank Edlund, **Jane (Pesino '65)** Urmini, **Dona (Pesino '61)** Edlund and John Bennett



Al Menicucci '45, **Lanty Molly '47** and "Red" McGuire



Noel Ryan (Tom '51), **Sheila (Sullivan '51)** Castagnetto and **Laverne (Novelli '51)** Gardella



Anne (Nolan '51) Dowd visits with the class of 1951 Cirimele twins **Frank and Janet (Bosma)**



Brother and sister, **Rich '57** and **Betty Rider '60**



John Quezada '61, **Ron Brugioni '55**, **Bob Brugioni '53** and **Bob Konevich '62**. Ron Brugioni holds one of the two **JOHN MADDEN '50** autographed NFL footballs auctioned off for \$2,000 each to the two brothers. The balls read: "Best Wishes to OLPH. John Madden." Mr. Madden was recently selected for the Pro Football Hall of Fame and will be inducted this summer. Congratulations to our most famous graduate!



Pat and **Charleen (Maschinot '58)** Hurton and **Olivia (Fontana '58)** and Cory Aquino.

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OLPH ~ Proud Past - Bright Future

ALUMNI HALL IMPROVEMENTS BEGUN

Thanks to several generous donations by OLPH Alumni, coupled with funds raised from the March 4th Auction/Dinner, we are well on our way to upgrading and improving OLPH Alumni Hall (formerly the cafeteria).

Volunteer OLPH parents with expertise in specific areas donated their time and efforts to completing the first two of our project goals. Our sincere thanks go out to OLPH parent Omar Larrea and his team for installing the beautiful new green tile flooring. Likewise, we extend our gratitude to parent Bill Voris and his parent helpers for completely replacing the outdated incandescent lighting with state-of-the-art fluorescents.

Attractive dark green curtains have replaced the fraying and faded old red ones. The boiler system, thought to be in need of total replacement, has now been deemed only in need of collateral repair, cutting the expense by about 80%, thanks to plumbing expert and alumnus, **Bob Brugioni '53**.

The remaining projects to be completed are: 1) the maintenance upgrade and repair to the boiler, and, 2) complete replacement of the windows in Alumni Hall, itself alone a \$30,000 job.

Please join in our campaign to remodel Alumni Hall by sending in your donation today. We are over half-way there. With your help, we can achieve all of our goals by the summer of 2007!



OLPH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN AND BUILDING IMPROVEMENT FUND

I WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OLPH CAPITAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN BY DONATING:

\$1000 _____ \$500 _____ \$250 _____ \$100 _____ OTHER _____

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO OLPH: GRADUATE ___ YEAR ___ PARENT ___ FRIEND ___

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL _____

PLEASE SEND CHECK TO:

OLPH DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
80 WELLINGTON AVENUE, DALY CITY, CA 94014

THE LORRAINE EDNA MAHONEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This scholarship fund has been established at OLPH in the memory of Lorraine Mahoney, who passed away on October 26, 2004. Her two sons, John and Ed, attended OLPH in the 1950's and early '60's. The fund is registered with the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

Donations may be made to the
**LORRAINE EDNA MAHONEY
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

in memory of a departed loved one who will be remembered in prayers in future masses at OLPH Church and whose name will be entered into a memorial album. The proceeds from this fund will be used to assist OLPH students with tuition and fees.

*Please make checks payable to:
"OLPH Development Department" and mail to:*

**Lorraine Mahoney Scholarship Fund
80 Wellington Avenue
Daly City, CA 94014**

† IN MEMORIAM †

EILEEN A. COSTELLO
*Mother of James Costello,
OLPH Principal from 1985-2003*

ALVIN COOK '86

DAN DREW '61

RICHARD FENN '58

JAMES HARTL '62

VICTOR PASCUA '93
OLPH Student Council President

SISTER MARY ALEXIS SMITH
Teacher at OLPH in the 50's. (See article page 1)

MARIE and MARGIE WEEDEN '62

Parents of Alumni please forward this newsletter if your son or daughter no longer maintains a permanent residence at your home. Please notify the Development Office of the new address.

Thank You!

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