

The Perpetual Light

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

A Matter of Principal

By Bill Kovacich



As you may remember from my words of last summer, Our Lady of Perpetual Help School just completed our Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and Western Catholic Education Association (WCEA) evaluation process. Both culminated in full six-year accreditations for the school—a feat accomplished by barely 10% of 1,115 schools evaluated last year.

Credit goes to the fine staff of our school, to our hard working parents and to the students who go on to become the future scholars and citizens of our community. Now it's up to all of us to continue to uphold the fine academic traditions of the school and to continue to build to the future. Thanks to the help of the pastor, Fr. Petilla, and the generous donations of parishioners and alumni, we were able to replace the leaking “bay windows” in the Kindergarten and Library this past summer. We also received enough donations to purchase a mobile computer cart for the lower floor. Now both our lower and upper floors have access to lap-top computers.

Our next project involves the conversion of our library into a combination library/computer media center. Our other big project involves the refurbishing of Alumni Hall. Ed Mahoney is launching a \$90,000 campaign to replace the floor, update the lighting system and replace both the school boiler and the existing rusted windows in the hall/cafeteria. More news on this project can be found in Mr. Mahoney's article next to this column. The parish and school budgets are tapped out, so we need outside help. Can you become part of our campaign? Please stay tuned for further announcements of our Alumni Hall remodeling.

BACK TO THE TOP OF THE HILL

By Ed Mahoney '61, Development Director

FUNDRAISING--THEN AND NOW

While the need for Catholic schools to rely on fundraising to stay in business has always been a fact of life, methods of raising such funds has become more creative over the years. The Parish Festivals and Bingo games of old (see article below), although still a source of revenue in many schools, have largely been replaced or reinforced by pledge drives and capital campaigns.

By the time you read this, you will no doubt have heard about the very generous donation of \$25,000 which we received recently from a donor who prefers to remain anonymous. We have decided to use this kind gift to us as the springboard for a capital campaign aimed at a makeover of “Alumni Hall,” the first-floor cafeteria and meeting hall.

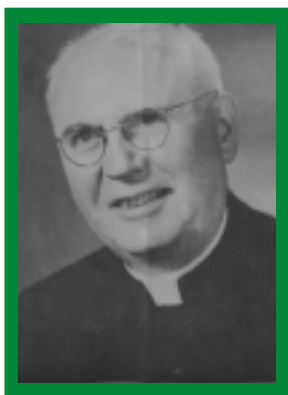
We have set a modest goal of \$90,000 toward this end which, in our estimation, will provide the funds needed to replace the outdated flooring and lighting, the boiler system and the dilapidated windows. In short, we intend to make “Alumni Hall” a more attractive place for visitors and current OLPH students alike.

We are making a plea to all Alums and friends of OLPH to join us at this time in reaching our goal in record time. The anonymous donation has given us a solid leg up; now we need the rest of the OLPH community to provide the remaining parts of the body. We invite you to be a part of the effort to bring Our Lady of Perpetual Help School up to the 21st Century by sending your donation today to: “ALUMNI HALL” 80 Wellington Avenue Daly City, CA 94014



UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, January 28, 2006 Alumni Open House • **Saturday, March 4, 2006** Auction/Dinner-Dance



Rt. Rev. Monsignor James Bergin (1890-1971) OLPH Pastor 1939-1968

Father Bergin was a shy man, and therefore often perceived by some of his parishioners as reserved and distant... An overly cautious and penurious administrator, he incessantly worried about the parish debt... which made him reluctant to push ahead with many needed improvements in the dilapidated school plant. He finally gave in when Monsignor (later Bishop) James O'Dowd, Archdiocesan Superintendent of Schools... diplomatically forced him to build the present school building in 1946. The project added enormously to the debt, but in only 13 years it was fully repaid, largely through countless fund raisers and the never-ending support of his parishioners at large. Weekly Bingo games were a necessary mainstay and it was rare that Bergin was not seen greeting Friday night Bingo fans in his new parish hall.

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Father Bergin ~ continued



Fr. Bergin 1951

Father Bergin celebrated the 50th Anniversary of his ordination in May 1966 and Pope Paul VI fittingly honored him by naming him "Right Reverend Monsignor" James Bergin. At 76 years of age, though, he was noticeably slowing down, and relied increasingly on his Assistants to administer the parish, particularly in guiding it through the turbulent changes mandated by the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965). He fully understood, without letting on, that Archbishop McGucken was assigning to him several notably energetic Assistants, including Fathers Norman Allen, Joseph Garrity, Matthew Sullivan, David Walsh, George Kutches and Joseph O'Reilly. In his earlier years, he was likewise assigned young Assistants, namely Adrian McKenna and newly-ordained William Stewart, in Archbishop Mitty's desire to entrust inexperienced young priests to the wisdom of a good and wise pastor.

James Bergin signed his letter of retirement in the spring of 1968, and was succeeded by John W. Mullen, 46 (classmate of Father Stewart), ordained from St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park. He continued to live in the rectory of the parish which he loved until just days before he died in Mary's Help Hospital – today, Seton Medical Center – on September 5th, 1971.

Reprinted with permission of Father Joe Gordon '59 from his essay on the history of OLPH church. Copies of the entire document are available by contacting Father Joe at revjaag@aol.com



CIRCA 1960 OLPH MOTHERS' CLUB OFFICERS (l to r) Marge Graham, Dolores Gillies, Lorraine Mignault, Asst. Pastor/Moderator Father Matthew Sullivan, ?, ?, Catherine Ricci.

OLPH ALUMS & FRIENDS OPEN HOUSE AND MASS

Saturday, January 28, 2006 at 2:00pm.

You are cordially invited and encouraged to attend the OLPH Open House and Mass on January 28, 2006. Come and see your old elementary school and enjoy revisiting the classrooms, office, library and especially the famous "Alumni Hall." Locate your class picture in Alumni Hall and stir up your memories a bit. Light refreshments will be provided. A Celebration of the Eucharist will follow in OLPH Church at 4PM. There is no charge for this event.

Yes, I plan on attending the Open House and Mass

Name _____

Graduation year _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Number of people attending _____

Please cut out and mail this form to:
OLPH Development Department
80 Wellington Avenue
Daly City, CA 94014

Open House 2005 Revisited



OPEN HOUSE 1/28/05: OLPH Principal Bill Kovacich, **Arlene (Kordoules '53)** and Jim Russi



OPEN HOUSE 1/28/05: ALUMNI READERS AT MASS: **Andy Serrano '74, Rosemary (Vergara '93) Fontela, Pat (Ricci '56) Casey, Marjorie (Schreiber '40) McHugh, Gerry Nolan '61, Arlene (Kordoules '53) Russi, Elsie (Belli '40) Tonelli**



OPEN HOUSE 1/28/05: Student guides **Julianne Santos '05, Dalina Trejo '05, John Ciernick '64 and Judie Crudo '64.**



Open House 1/28/05: **Tom Fenn '53, Bob Reese '62, Norma and Frank Donofrio '49**



OPEN HOUSE 1/28/05: **Dorothy (Russi '60) Stubblefield, Ron Sturm '56, Mrs. Ruth Welker (mother of Mark '56, Mary Anne '60 and Tom '61), Mary Anne (Welker '60) Giorsini**



OPEN HOUSE 1/28/05: **Schreiber Sisters '40s**



OPEN HOUSE 1/28/05: OLPH 3rd Grade Teacher **Amelia Axler** is flanked by class of **1948** alums **Aileen (Greer) Hogue** and **Betty (Curtin) Cutietta**



OPEN HOUSE 1/28/05: **Al Menicucci '45 and Ed Cereghino**

*Join Us for Open House 2006
January 28*

Notes from past grads...

"DOPO SCUOLA" This photo of the "after school" Italian class for Italian-speaking students was taken in the late 1930's alongside the church archways. Note the teacher, clutching the hand-bag under her left arm at the end of row 3 and the wooden pews in row 2. Surnames of kids in this picture included Compagni, Ragni, Giusti, Boschi, Cattaneo, Matteucci, Core', Cabano, Cierotto, Cavallero, Lazzarini and D'Elia. Submitted by Augusta "Gussie" (Cattaneo) Morgan, OLPH Mothers' Club President 1963-64 and Mother of **Barry '61** and **Rory '70 Morgan**.



1952 Marianne Petroni was recently elected to a second term on the Jefferson Elementary School Board. Ms. Petroni enjoyed seeing her class photograph on the wall of Alumni Hall during a recent visit to the school for a Daly City Lions' Club affair.

1953 Peter Soto came by the school recently and was treated to the grand tour by Principal Bill Kovacich. A native of Hawaii, Peter and his sister **Judy (OLPH '55)** were among the few Pacific Islanders to attend OLPH in the early days. Peter has fond memories of his time at OLPH, particularly his friendship with **Arlene Storm**. He had a recent telephone reunion with classmate **Arlene (Kordoules '53) Russi** and they're looking forward to seeing each other in person at the Open House on January 28th.

1958 Olivia (Fontana) Aquino recently hosted a get-together for several of her classmates and their partners at her home in San Jose. They are planning a big blow-out for their 50th in 2008!

1960 Betty Rider came through with the class photo for 1960. It is now lovingly hung in Alumni Hall in what was previously a noticeable blank spot. Thanks very much, Betty!

1962 Bob Konevich developed an interest in music while attending St. Francis in Mountain View, transitioning from 1960's folk music to rock. Musical high points were a gig at the Circle Star, and opening for the Grateful Dead and Quicksilver Messenger Service in Pescadero in Spring of 1966. Bob has been in private law practice with his wife Mitzi, at their office in Los Altos, with her specialty being Estate Planning and his Real Estate and Business Law. They have 3 children: Sonja (20), Alexis (18) and Will, a 14-year-old freshman at St. Francis. Bob recently "had a fabulous time at an informal reunion dinner with **Donna Day** and **Bob Reese**, OLPH classmates from Kindergarten through 8th grade." Contact Bob at bobkonevich@hotmail.com

1962 William Perez has one daughter and currently resides in in the Northern California town of Fortuna.

1963 Rosalia (Perez) Lerman and her husband have lived in their San Carlos home for 21 years. Their 24-year-old son received his college degree in Philosophy and their daughter, an '03 graduate of Notre Dame in Belmont, is in her 3rd year in the school of nursing at Seattle University in Washington. Rosalia has worked for 17 years in the X-Ray department of the Palo Alto Dental Group.

1967 John Flaherty has been in touch by e-mail and was kind enough to send digital reproductions (".jpg" format) of the early-'60's baseball teams in full OLPH regalia. Taking advantage of the new technology, John was able to zoom in on Coach Chuck McGuigan close enough to notice that Chuck was wearing a coat the team had given him one year. "I can still remember that because it was the first time me or anyone saw Chuck cry."

1969 Susan (Radiotes) Sanz has been married for 26 years and has a son in the 6th grade at Immaculate Heart of Mary School in Belmont. Her son's teacher is none other than **Rich Rider**, OLPH graduate of the class of 1957.

1970 John McGuire continues to have an interest in music developed at OLPH, playing guitar and piano in his spare time. John picked up the game of soccer when his oldest son started playing it and has been involved with it ever since. He was married for 13 years, before divorcing in 2001, and has 3 sons and 3 daughters. He works in the telecommunications business, doing special applications involving integration of IP networking and telecommunication equipment.

1970 Katie (Battaglia) Huerta lives with her husband, Tony, in Redwood City. They have one son, Bobby (16) and a daughter, Jamie (13).

Where Are They Now???

1971 Greg Battaglia and his wife, Trish, currently reside in Pacifica with their two children: Alex, who is 17 and a student at Saint Ignatius, and Emily, 13 and attending Good Shepherd School in Pacifica.

1973 Vilma (Carballido) Tentnowski is the mother of a beautiful 17-year-old named Shannon. She has volunteered to help in planning a '73 reunion and keeps in touch with **Lynda (Pacheco '73) Montiel** at least annually.

1973 Tim Brown lives in Novato with his wife Mary of 3 years, and their 2-year-old son, Gregory. They are expecting a second child in February of 2006. Tim owns an insurance agency in San Rafael and is currently president of the San Rafael Host Lions' Club. He is also a mentor to the Terra Linda High School Leo's Club, where he has established scholarships for deserving students committed to community service.

1975 Joan (Battaglia) Maxwell provided the development department with the missing class of 1975 photograph for mounting in Alumni Hall. She currently works as a Controller in the wine industry and is married to Randy Maxwell. Their daughter, Michelle, is 11 years old.

1976 Sophia (Cuba) de Urcuyo went to Mercy, SF, after OLPH, then proceeded to UCLA as an undergraduate. Thereafter, she attended the California School of Professional Psychology in Berkeley and obtained her Ph.D. in Psychology, with post grad -training at Yale and University of Chicago. She is a Clinical, Health and Forensic psychologist and works for the Superior Court of Santa Clara County and maintains a private practice in SF. Sophia has been married for 9 years and is the Mother of a 4-year-old girl. Currently residing in Daly City, she enjoys running, reading Eastern Philosophy and spending time with her family.

1993 Victor Pascua is currently attending the New York University Medical School.

1994 Jackie Dela Merced is also a student at the New York University Medical School.

1997 Melody Lacayanga recently distinguished herself as a professional dancer by winning the runner-up award on the international show "So You Think You Can Dance."

2002 Therese Salvacruz was recently elected Student Body President of Jefferson High School in Daly City.

2005 Ashley Villajin recently competed as the only freshman member of the Mercy High School, SF, cross-country team. Way to go, Ashley!



GRADUATION 1966 Jean (Torchia '66) Amundsen, OLPH Principal Sr. Rita Marie, **Patricia (Garibaldi '66) Owen**

1967 Baseball Team: (bottom, left to right) **Rodney Pacheco, Dan Bender, Tim Denning, Richard McDougal, ?, Mark Pacheco**. Top row: Coach Chuck McGuigan, **Joey Thrush, John Flaherty, Don Picetti**. (Who else can you name?)



Reunions...

DID YOU GRADUATE IN '42, '66, or '74? WE NEED YOUR GRADUATION PHOTO!

Seventy-two classes have graduated from Our Lady of Perpetual Help School. Except for the 1930's, where we only have the graduates' names, all the other class graduation pictures hang in Alumni Hall--all, that is, except for three. Where are the graduates of 1942, 1966, 1974? Please help us by providing your eighth grade graduation picture. We will return it to you in the same condition. Contact us by phone, mail or e-mail. We know you are out there. Help!!!



CLASS OF 1948 REUNION COMMITTEE MEMBERS: (l-r) Janet (Schreiber) Cereghino, Marion (Elliott) Oakley, Liz (Fenton) Borg, Betty (Curtin) Cutietta and Aileen (Greer) Hogue. (absent member Mary (Simmons) Muller). Meeting held at Marie Callender's Restaurant in Fairfield on July 14, 2005.



Nancy and **Al Stanley '63** party with their friends, Tom and Betty Lee, at the Native Sons of the Golden West Christmas Crab Feed, held in Alumni Hall on December 10, 2005. The Stanley's won dinner for 8 in the live auction at the OLPH "Homecoming 2005" Auction/Dinner Dance in March. This will also be one of the prizes in the auction this year at the "Lights, Camera, Auction!" fundraiser in Alumni Hall on Saturday, March 4, 2006



MINI-REUNION at Don Pico's Restaurant in San Bruno: **John Quezada '61, Gerry Nolan '61, Bob Konevich '62, Margie Muela '61, Ed Mahoney '61.** Margie sings latin music on Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Don Pico's under the stage name of Margarita de Jesus.



CLASS OF 1958 members gathered in October 2005 at the home of Olivia Aquino in San Jose. **Mike Stanley, Ruth (Shea) Schroeder, Charleen (Maschinot) Hurton, Terry Irwin.** Back row **William Kane, Olivia (Fontana) Aquino** and **Bob DeGroot.**

Upcoming REUNIONS

CLASS of 1948 Reunion Committee announces the date for their Lunch Reunion - April 19, 2006 at Nick's Rockaway, Pacifica. Call for more details, or to add any names to the contact list, even if the student only attended for part of the time.

CONTACT Marion for details at (707) 425-7945 or Aileen at (415) 585-1176

CLASS of 1958 - 50 years Being planned for summer of 2008 in OLPH Alumni Hall. This is the big one!
CONTACT Mike Stanley at XSTEAMERX@aol.com.

CLASS of 1961 - 45 years Saturday, June 24, 2006
Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco.
CONTACT Diane (Gugino '61) Ross at (650) 992-7039.

CLASS of 1962 Bob Konevich, Donna (Day) Hambrick and Bob Reese had a meeting to discuss a reunion of the class of 1962.

CONTACT Bob K. at bobkonevich@hotmail.com

OLPH ~ Proud Past - Bright Future



OLPH 6th Grade Students "Peace Poster" Winners

(l-r) **Faustina Arriola**, 1st Place winner, 6th Grade teacher **Alison Fralick** and **Graciela Urias**, 2nd Place winner in the International Lions' Club "Peace Poster" competition. The girls were presented with cash awards and specially engraved plaques from the Daly City Lions Club. Congratulations, Ladies!

8th Grade Students Volunteer

Kelley Marston, Maureen Loughrey, Marife Aure and **Tracy Chau** volunteered over 200 hours each helping out at the St. Kevin's (SF) Summer Bible Camp.



"PAROCHIAL SCHOOL PRESENTS MUSICALE" (1941)

A music recital and patriotic drill were presented to an enthusiastic audience of parents and friends by students at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Friday evening, at the school.

With the intention of showing what the music department is doing, sixteen musical numbers were played and sung by the school children. This affair is arranged yearly.

Peter Raffo, dressed as Uncle Sam, gave the welcome, and the farewell.

The school chorus sang two numbers, and musical selections were given by **Claudette Lafayette, Nancy Drury, Billy Drury, Adrienne Allain, Nadine Ochesky, Phyllis Lane, Eugene Klingler, Gloria Coleman, Maxine and Tommy Schriver, Conella and John Maravelias, Clara Sulzberger, Rose Silvestri, Evelyn Mullen, Mary Marriscolo, Leroy Greenwood and Sheila Cunningham. John Maravelias, Mary Hanley and Jeannine Hensault** sang a trio. A violin solo was played by **Lawrence Andrade**, accompanied by **Mary Marriscolo. Dorothy Langensand** gave a toe dance, and was also the Goddess of Liberty in the patriotic drill which concluded the program.

Others in the drill were **Jeanne Bacigalupi, Alice Marchioni, Patty Ann Tallon, Gloria Bacigalupi, Jacqueline Cuneo, Kathleen Powers, Barbara Ford, Marion Nichols, Mary Louise Schubert, Isabelle Kohmann, Jeannine Winant and Adele Lafayette.**



1941 OLPH MUSICALE EXTRAVAGANZA (Photo and article from Daly City Record, May 5, 1941 submitted by **Dorothy (Langensand '46) Busalacchi**) Original Caption under photo: "A patriotic drill climaxed the musicale at Our Lady of Perpetual Help school, Friday."

GRANT PAYS FOR MOBILE COMPUTER LAB

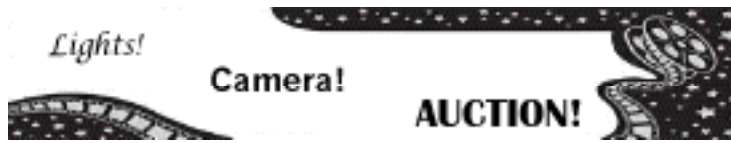
OLPH School has recently received a \$5,000 grant from Trust Funds, Inc. based in San Francisco. This grant made it possible for us to purchase an Apple iBook Wireless Mobile Lab. Because the mobile labs are portable and feature wireless networking, they can immediately turn any classroom into a computer lab and provide every student with access to the latest technology. As a result, students can experience the wealth of benefits that technology-based learning has to offer. A second gift allowed for the purchase of an additional mobile lab.

THE LORRAINE EDNA MAHONEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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 out to "OLPH Development Department" and mail to:

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



The Development Department of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School cordially invites you to join us for an evening of dining and dancing, along with live and silent auctions in OLPH Alumni Hall.

Saturday, March 4, 2006

6:30 pm Silent Auction with hors d'oeuvres and No-Host Cocktail Bar

8:00 pm-Dinner followed by Live Auction

Tickets: \$60 per person

Dinner prepared by Mazzaferro Catering and live music played by Gypsy Ensemble. **Tables of 10 may be reserved.**
Cash raffle prizes will be announced during dinner. (Need not be present to win)

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Number in your party _____ Amount enclosed _____ Graduation year _____

Please indicate entree choice: Chicken _____ Beef _____ Fish _____

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

Make checks payable to "OLPH Development". Checks must be received no later than **February 24, 2006**.
No tickets will be mailed. Reservation list will be at the door.

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