

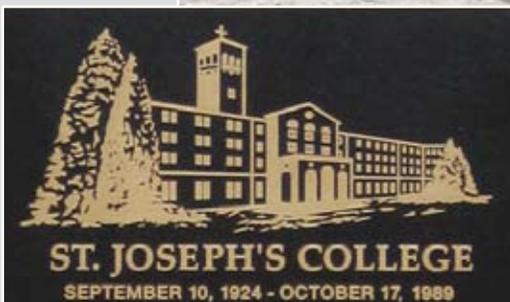
ST. JOSEPH'S - ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Summer 2010 Newsletter

*We honor the past; We celebrate the present;
We plan for the future.....TOGETHER*

POP'S ROCK PLANTED



This monument marks the former campus of St. Joseph's College. Established with the primary purpose of training candidates for Catholic Priesthood, the college also educated thousands of young men who entered public service throughout this county and the state. Named after St. Joseph of Cupertino (Italy) the large, ornate building was architecturally designed to reflect California's early Spanish influences. Between 5,000 - 6,000 young men attended this college until it was destroyed in the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake.

SAGA OF POP'S ROCK

(Named after Prof. Francis J. Rock, S.S., affectionately known as 'Pop')

At the conclusion of an alumni association Board of Governor's meeting on March 11, 2004, then President Phil Murphy asked if there was any further business before adjournment. Member Patrick Festus Cloherty signaled Phil and said, "I think we should have some type of marker or monument installed at Rancho San Antonio Park to acknowledge the existence of St. Joe's". Pat stated that he would report further at our September 2004 Board meeting.

Little did most of us know that March 11, 2004 signified the beginning of a heroic task by Pat, Alumnus Dennis O'Brien, members of the Board, your Alumni Director, and countless others.

By our meeting on December 2, 2004, Bob Gorman was now President of the Board, and he realized that Pat needed further support. A committee was promptly formed: Pat Cloherty, as Chair, Bob Gorman, Walt Harrington, Phil Murphy, Kevin Connolly, Rev. Joe Gordon and Chuck Smith.

At our March 2005 meeting, Pat reported that we would need to deal with the Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD) and the Santa Clara County Park & Rec. Department. By September of 2005, we felt the necessity of professional assistance. We approached alumnus Dennis O'Brien, R'61, who graciously volunteered to assist us.

On May 18, 2006, the Committee met at Maryknoll and then toured the former campus of St. Joseph's College to view possible sites for our monument. The majority of our members liked the 'the old Peanut Diamond' as a preferred site. Chuck Smith was designated to create a listing of preferred sites for the memorial and an aerial view of the property. A new Committee was formed: Pat Cloherty, as Chair, Walt Harrington, Chuck Smith and Phil Murphy.

That summer Pat, Dennis O'Brien and Jim Murphy met on site and decided that the 'Peanut Diamond' was our prime location.

By September of 2006, Dennis O'Brien had provided us with a landscape architect and had made initial contact with the County.

Unfortunately, during our application process, the County had developed and implemented stricter rules for approving monument requests, and our application would be the first under the new procedures.

Dennis O'Brien initially met with Lisa Killough of SC Park and Rec. and other staff.

U.S. Congresswoman, Anna Eshoo, and Donna Austin of the Cupertino Historical Society provided letters of support for our project.

By September of 2007, Dennis O'Brien had attended several meetings of the Cupertino City Council and was working diligently with Santa Clara Park and Rec.

Santa Clara Park and Rec. mandated that we must demonstrate in our application the 'local and regional historical importance of St. Joseph's College to the City of Cupertino'. We further learned that the project had to be approved by MROSD and the Historical Society.

In March of 2008, Pat Cloherty and Jim Murphy met Dennis O'Brien at his office in Foster City to have our first meeting with the new program supervisor from the Santa Clara Park and Rec., Robin Schaut. Our plan now called for a large rock with bronze plaque instead of the traditional interpretive panel.

Dennis O'Brien, Pat Cloherty and Jim Murphy then attended the monthly meeting of Santa Clara Park and Rec. in San Jose and obtained approval of the project.

On September 25, 2008, Frank Brady was installed as President of the Board—the third President to lead this project. The approval of the MPROSD and the Historical Society was immanent. However, we then learned that final approval would have to be obtained by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Clara County. In late 2008 or early 2009, we had obtained final approval for Pop's Rock!!!

On May 29, 2009, Dennis O'Brien, Pat Cloherty, Chuck Smith and Jim Murphy met at Stevens Creek Quarry and selected a large, green serpentine rock. On Friday, June 26, 2009, the quarry staff 'planted' our rock on the edge of the Peanut Diamond.

We then gave instructions to our bronze fabricator; the plaque was created in late 2009 and installed in the spring of 2010.

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(For further details and photos, please go to our website, created by Chuck Smith, at www.saintjosephcollege.ws)

INVITATION

DEDICATION OF MONUMENT

Honoring St. Joseph's College

DATE: Friday, September 17, 2010

TIME & LOCATION:

11:00 a.m. at Rancho San Antonio Park at the "Peanut Diamond"

12:00 Noon: Luncheon at MaryKnoll

23000 Cristo Rey Drive, Los Altos, CA 94024

HOSTED BY: Your Alumni Association

Alumni, Spouses, and Companions are Guests of your Alumni Association

Driving Instructions:

Heading South on Hwy-280: Exit on Foothill Expressway/Grant Rd, make an immediate right turn on to Foothill Expy, and another immediate right turn on Cristo Rey Drive (you will see signs for Maryknoll, Rancho San Antonio Park, and the Forum).

Heading North on Hwy-280: Exit on Foothill Expressway, make a left turn at stop light, drive underneath the 280 overpass, then a right turn on Cristo Rey Drive.

Using Hwy-85: Get on to 280 and take Foothill exit, and turn right on Cristo Rey Drive.

Using Hwy-101: Connect to 280 or 85, and then find the Foothill Exit.

Once on Cristo Rey Drive: follow it around to Rancho San Antonio Park (road will take you north and parallel to Hwy 280). Turn left at Park's entry sign (very near Maryknoll's service entry which is on the right and ahead about 30 yards), drive down short hill, and park. Parking might be difficult. For those who can easily walk, enter the Maryknoll service entry which will be marked by balloons, park on the pavement or gravel, and then walk down to the Park on the pathway. Rancho San Antonio Park and Maryknoll are beyond Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

For more information on the Monument and latest alumni news, visit our web site at
www.saintjosephscollege.ws.

We thank Chuck Smith, R'60, our Web Editor, for creating and maintaining our web site.

IF YOU CAN HELP UNDERWRITE the cost of this event, in whole or in part, please contact
Jim Murphy at 650-591-3492 or murpur@aol.com or
Patrick Cloherty at 650-692-4649 or pmcloherty@comcast.net

Our luncheon will be catered by alumnus, Mike Miraglia, R'66, of Miraglia Catering of San Leandro, CA.
It's IMPERATIVE that we know the exact number of alumni and guests that will be attending.

To reserve, you may phone or email either of the contacts listed below:
Patrick F. Cloherty, 650-692-4649 or pmcloherty@comcast.net
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OR

You may also use the written reservation form on the back cover of this newsletter and mail it to either
Patrick or Jim at their listed mailing addresses.

RESPOND to Patrick or Jim NO LATER than WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2010!
You must have phoned, emailed or mailed your Reservation in order to have lunch.

ST. JOE'S BONFIRES

By Bill Wall, R'63, Laundry No. 294

Now, there is a subject that you don't think about every day, not even every decade. Yes, we did have bonfires at St. Joe's on Halloween Night. This was an event that the Poets and Rhets put on for the rest of us. The Poets and Rhets were allowed to go off campus on Thursdays without being accompanied by a priest. Starting in early October, they would start scouring the area for junk lumber for the big bonfire. St. Joe's had an old pickup truck that they could use to haul the lumber. The bonfire took place in the field between St. Joe's and Maryknoll—further back toward the rear boundary of the seminary. (Note: In earlier years, the bonfire was held on the lower high school campus)



Building Bonfire--sometime between 1944-1950

The Poets and Rhets spent some effort in building the bonfire. They would mark out a square on the ground that was about 10 feet by 10 feet and build a pile of wood that was about 8 feet high in the square. They would start the fire by pouring some gas on it and throwing in a match when everybody was well out of the way.

In my first year at St. Joe's, Fall of 1957, the bonfire was cancelled because of a flu epidemic. We were sent home on Halloween for 10 days. However, in the Fall of 1958, we did have the bonfire. On Halloween night, at 7:30 p.m., after Chuck Dillon finished reading us the 'Rule' in study hall, we were dismissed to go to the bonfire on the back of the property. Everyone, including the Profs, attended the bonfire. They must have poured a lot of gas on the wood because it lit quickly. I think they served us some hot chocolate while we were out there. At 8:30 p.m., the bell rang to end study hall. That was our signal to leave the bonfire and assemble on the Chapel steps to await night prayers. At 8:40 p.m., the night prayer bell rang and we would walk in silence to our assigned seats. Prayers ended at 8:55 p.m., and we had 10 minutes to walk to our rooms, get undressed and get in bed. We walked in silence because



this when the Grand Silence started. It ended at breakfast the next morning. At 9:05 p.m., the "Lights Out" bell would ring, and you had to shut off the light in your small room.

You could only leave your room at night to go to the jakes. Cat Canfield was the Prefect of Discipline in my

first year, and nothing got by that guy. He would come out of nowhere and find you if you were out of your room. He wore these weird shoes that didn't make any noise when he snuck up behind you. He scared the hell out of me once. Hence the name, 'Cat'. He left after my first year, and I notice things eased up a little around there after he was gone. Maybe he was a little too good at his job. Someone told me later that Cat had insomnia, and he only slept a few hours a night which made him ideal for that job. He also smoked 2 packs of Camels a day so he was wired.

Now back to the bonfire of 1958. After the fire had been burning for about an hour, three big fire engines from the town of Cupertino showed up. They came in the back gate of the Sem by the railroad tracks. I guess no one bothered to tell the fire department that we were having a bonfire. They let us watch the fire, disperse, and then they put out the fire. There was no bonfire in the Fall of 1959. By this time, a lot of homes had been built in the area behind St. Joe's, and I'm sure that these homes had wood shingle or shake roofs. A bonfire like ours would be too close for comfort. I think this is what killed the bonfires at St. Joe's. ■

Request for Response of Alumni Interest in Attending Future Day of Recollection On:

ENRICH AND NURTURE SPIRITUALITY IN MARRIAGE

A stone monument marks the former site of the St. Joseph's College campus. "During its 65 years, 1924-1989, more than 5,000 young men received excellent education at St. Joseph's-St. Patrick's College. They have made extraordinary contributions to our communities and our country." (Congresswoman Anna Eshoo).

Among its graduates are generations of priests who have provided and continue to provide spiritual guidance throughout the San Francisco Archdiocese and various Dioceses of the Western Region of the country.

Many more of its former students discerned they were called to marry and establish families as well as bring skills/talents to serve various sectors of the economy in education, business, medicine, finance, law, research or other industry throughout the West and other parts of the nation and the world.

A suggestion has been made to offer in fall of 2011 the first annual Day of Reflection on Enrich and Nurture Spirituality in Marriage. It would be held at Vallombrosa, Menlo Park on a Saturday from 9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m. initially for a group of 10-20 alumni couples. The presenter would be St. Patrick's University professor of Pastoral Ministry, the engaging Mr. Christopher J. Trailer, MFT.

The current plan would be to have two 30-40 minute presentations in the morning with ample time after each for a couple to spend in reflection, conversation, or walking the lovely grounds. In the afternoon there would be one presentation followed by a Q & A session for clarifying inquiries written on 3 x 5 cards or asked from the floor.

4:00 p.m. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in Vallombrosa Chapel (Optional).



To register interest in this early fall 2011 Day of Reflection call or email us as shown below:

Please leave your names and one or more preferred mode of contact: phone number, home address, email address for us to relay any updates of event details. Your suggestions about title, topics treated, or format would be appreciated.

Thank you!

Loren (Ladd) Dwyer (650) 368-9372; ldwyer@smace.org

Or

Donald C. Carroll (650) 322-8632; dccarroll@pacbell.net

KEVIN J. RYAN, R'53 (September 20, 1932-April 7, 2010)

Vice President of the Alumni Board of Governors

The following notice appeared at the web site of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 856.

Written by Mike McLaughlin, R'61, former Principal Officer of Teamsters Local 856.

Kevin was a native born San Franciscan who entered St. Joseph's College Seminary following graduation from Sacred Heart High School, attended both St. Joseph's College Seminary and St. Patrick's Seminary. He attended U.S.F Law School for one year before he embarked a 34-year career as a labor official first for the Service Employees Union for a brief period and then as a Union Representative for Teamsters Local 856 for 32 years.

If a person could ever be described as a true no-nonsense, Renaissance man, it would be Kevin. He was a member of an Irish family with roots in Ballinure, Tipperary, Ireland.

The last of 9 children, Kevin was an achiever in everything he set out to do. As a youth, he was a formidable opponent in the boxing ring and as an adult, a daily swimmer.

He had a beautiful Irish tenor voice and had sung at numerous weddings and public events. In recent years he was a dedicated choir member with former seminarian schoolmates, singing Gregorian Chant at Masses and Vespers in Bay Area Catholic Churches. He was Vice President of the Board of Governors St Joseph- St. Patrick's College Alumni Association.

A lifelong bachelor, Kevin had maintained a close relationship with numerous nieces and nephews, often accompanying them on trips around the world, especially Ireland. His spirits were greatly lifted in his final days when his beloved dogs, Abner and Josie, were able to visit him in the hospital.

An avid reader, he not only read several books a week, he subscribed to innumerable newspapers and magazines. He maintained an extensive list of names and addresses of friends to whom he would send articles that he knew would be of interest to them. He even took the time to cut out crossword puzzles and send them to one person he knew was an avid crossword worker. He would buy the latest books and likewise mail them because they covered topics and issues that his friends would enjoy. Offers to reimburse the cost, were rejected out of hand by Kevin. Kevin had a ritual of visiting certain bookstores and newspaper stands on a daily basis to be up to date on developing political



Kevin Ryan

and social issues. Again, he would share these articles with his friends whether it was on the latest bill before Congress, the latest medical breakthrough for a disease a friend would be fighting, Church news from around the world, just to name a few topics. He did all this without the aid of a computer. In addition, he would attend movies weekly both the latest American and foreign. He could talk for hours and educate listeners with the past and current struggles in Ireland.

As a labor official, he single-handedly organized over 600 front desk and clerical workers as members of Teamsters Local 856 and today that bargaining unit has over 1000 members. In later years, Kevin would sit as a neutral adjudicator for union grievance hearings, his compensation only a good lunch and stimulating conversation. Even in retirement, Kevin would walk picket lines for striking workers and attend rallies for social causes.

Life had its struggles for Kevin and for the past 30 years he had been a friend of Bill W. He attended at least one AA meeting daily and was a lifeline for those with substance abuse problems or anyone down on their luck for that matter, often taking them into his own home while they battled their demons or found gainful employment. It is not an exaggeration to state that Kevin saved the lives of hundreds of people with his compassion for those in difficulty. While traveling to other cities and countries, the first order of business for Kevin was to locate an AA meeting.

There are so many people through the years that came to Kevin for help, whether it was to obtain a recommendation from a congressman to gain acceptance to a Military Academy, a temporary job in a hotel or any other unionized employer, a book to support them in fighting a terminal illness, getting an expanded obituary into the newspaper or any other request that only Kevin had the unique ability to achieve.

Affectionately called "Kevin from Heaven", he will be sorely missed by scores of friends and associates. He accepted his illness with calmness and a philosophy of accepting his illness and as he recently told a close friend, "I've been to the show and I've had a good run." ■

IN MEMORIAM

Boyle, Matthew, R'62, on May 23, 2009 at Petaluma; survived by his wife and four children; deputy attorney general.

Shields, Terrence, R'56, on June 27, 2009; survived by his wife, Jessie, and three daughters; civil engineer; worked for Tehama Co. Road Dept. and ranched.

Armstrong, Msgr. Peter Gomez, R'48, on November 17, 2009; ordained 1954; former Director of CYO in San Francisco; former Director of Boy's Home and former Director of St. Vincent's Home for Boys; former Pastor of St. Pius in Redwood City; former chaplain of the SF 49ers.

Butler, John (Jack) T., R'51, on January 2, 2010 at Fremont; survived by his wife, Faye and her five children; ordained 1957.

Fitzgerald, Daniel J., R'61, on January 19, 2010 at Spokane, WA; age 67; survived by his wife, Darleen and daughters; brother of Jim Fitzgerald, R'57; former Basketball Coach and Athletic Director of Gonzaga University.

Munger, Clifford A., R'50, on January 20, 2010 in San Rafael, CA.

Heaney, Msgr. John P., R'47, on January 29, 2010 at San Rafael; ordained in 1953; Assistant Pastor at St. Agnes; teacher and coach at Sacred Heart High School and Marin Catholic; Pastor of St. Rita's; former Director of the Apostleship of the Sea; for over 35 years, Chaplain for SFPD 1C 35.

Driscoll, Elizabeth 'Lilian', on February 18, 2010; age 92; mother of Mike Driscoll, R'66.

Joyce, William T., R'47, on February 24, 2010 in Menlo Park; Attorney.

Atkinson, Donald C., R'48, on February 28, 2010 at San Jose; age 81; brother of Bruce Atkinson, R'52; graduated *maxima cum laude* from St. Joseph's College; graduate of Stanford Law School; worked for many years as assistant city attorney for San Jose; argued and won a case before the US Supreme Court.

Worner, Rev. William, R'40, on February 28, 2010; age 89; ordained 1945; founding Pastor of Church of the Ascension in Saratoga and Pastor of St. Gregory's in San Mateo.

Gemmet, Alfred J., on March 23, 2010; father of Bob Gemmet, R'58, Deceased.

Kohles, Donald, R'52, on March 29, 2010; age 78 of Mariposa; survived by his wife, Barbara; ordained 1958; "resigned clerical state in 1978....coordinated the Community Ministry office of Transfiguration parish in San Jose....Don's simplicity and gentleness, his compassionate sensitivity made him a friend of everyone."

McAuliffe, John P., R'54, on April 3, 2010; survived by his wife, Patricia, and two daughters; independent grocer and food broker for 40 years; Eucharistic Minister at both St. Sylvester's and St. Rafael's.

Ryan, Kevin J., R'53, on April 7, 2010 at San Francisco; age 77; Vice President of Alumni Board of Governors; labor official and organizer for Teamsters Union Local 856; organized over 600 front desk and clerical workers; friend of Bill W. for over 30 years; survived by his beloved dogs, Abner and Josie.

Burke, Rev. Ronald A., R'48, on June 19, 2010; age 82; ordained 1954; served his people in San Francisco, Oakland, Gilroy, San Jose and Pastor of St. Bruno's; dedicated his life to those less fortunate; served as a missionary for LAMP in Guatemala and Mexico; on 'death list' in Guatemala for his work with the disenfranchised; he will be remembered for his "devotion to his flock, the priesthood, and his amazing faith in God and the Church".

Forbes, Rose Ellen, on June 29, 2010; age 76; survived by Gerald and six children; sister of Rev. Maurice 'Mickey' McCormick, R'53, and Rev. Kiernan McCormick, R'58; devoted member of St. Matthew's and woman of strongly held beliefs.

Kenny, Sister Patricia, SNJM, on June 9, 2010 at Los Gatos; Age 80; sister of Rev. Raymond G. Kenny, R'57; vowed member of Sisters of Notre Dame for 61 years; she served as teacher, dean of studies and principal in schools in Northern and Southern California.

**Your
contact. . .**

If you need to contact our Alumni Director with any Alumni concern (opinions, suggestions, alumni updates, changes of address), you may write Jim Murphy at St. Patrick's Seminary or you may contact him directly as follows:

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Friday, September 17, 2010

ALUMNI DAY

Saturday, April 30, 2011

Reservation Form for "MONUMENT DEDICATION" on Friday, September 17, 2010

You must RETURN by Wednesday, September 15, 2010 in order to have lunch.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Number Attending: _____

I am unable to attend.

I am willing to help underwrite this event. Enclosed please find my check payable to St. Joseph's-St. Patrick's College Alumni Association.

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