

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

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Fall 2019 Newsletter

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

Hall of Fame Dinner & Awards

An exciting new event will occur on Saturday, October 12th at St. Patrick's Seminary beginning at 5:00 p.m. The inspiration of our Vice-President, Mike Sheehan, this "Sports Hall of Fame" will honor Coach Gordon Lacey and at least one alum from each class together with the

entire 1970 -1971 CCS consolation champions in soccer. Although late registrants can pay at the door (\$45), please contact Mike at Mike@bioresourceinc.com or Pat Cloherty at pmcloherty@comcast.net. to reserve. It is NOT true that you have to bring your old jock strap or "BOs"!

SAVE THE DATES

Save these dates on your calendar for upcoming Alumni events.

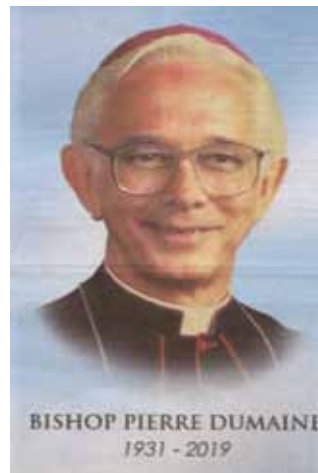
- **Hall of Fame Dinner – Sat. October 12, 2019, 5 p.m. at St. Pat's** (See separate story)
- **Day of Recollection – Saturday, February 1, 2020**
- **Alumni Day 2020 – Saturday, April 18, 2020**

BISHOP R. PIERRE DUMAINE, RHET 1951

The death of Pierre DuMaine is an occasion to share with the Alumni the importance of Pierre to the very existence of this Alumni Association.

The Dining Room at St. Joe's was bulging with alums loudly enjoying the first Alumni Day dinner. The Master of Ceremonies acknowledged the presence of Bishop DuMaine who had just been installed as the first Bishop of the new Diocese of San Jose. There were loud shouts of "Pete!, Pete!, Pete!" from Pierre's classmates and contemporaries. I thought it was a bit inappropriate. Certainly my Mother would have thought so. I looked at Pierre, and he was positively beaming with pleasure at being so enthusiastically acknowledged by his past mates in this their old seminary facility.

By the next year, however, storm clouds threatened the very continuation of the Association. We assumed the right to select whomever we wanted to be on the Board of Governors. There was strong opposition to us from conservative priests who were established pastors in San Jose. They particularly objected to any former priest being on our Board. We had one such fellow who I will not name because any inactive priest would have drawn the same virulent opposition. (This fellow is now deceased.) On Alumni Day, as the festivities were starting, Pierre



called up this Board member to his office (which was at St. Joe's at the time) and told him that he did not want him on the Board because it was too controversial. Even greater controversy ensued. Priests like Jack "Bucky" O'Connor told Pierre he was wrong. At the same time, these pastors were publicly contesting with Pierre on other issues. (There was a banner placed on the back fence of St. Simon along the Foothill Expressway so the public could learn of one pastor's disagreement with Pierre on some issue.)

A few days later, I was about to leave that little bathroom just outside the Sixth Latiner study hall, when my exit was blocked by Pierre. His face was scarlet with rage. "Don, you tell _____ that I withdraw my objection, and he can serve on the Board. I should never have listened to those guys!" I knew whom he was talking about. Never again was there a question about who could serve on the Board of this Association, and as you all already know, anyone can be a member as long as he stayed long enough to drink one cup of "can". So, we are bishops, priests (active

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ALUMNI DAY 2020

On May 11, 2019, we held the 38th Annual Alumni Day. Fr. Tony McGuire, R'59, of the 60 year Honoree Class presided at the Mass in the beautiful chapel of St. Patrick's Seminary. Fr. Larry Percell of the 50 year Honoree Class of 1969 gave a marvelous homily. We were honored to have as music leaders Paul Page of the same 1969 class and his wife, Theodora.

Alumnus of the Year Awards were given to the late Bishop Rich Garcia of the College class of 1969 and to Mr. Brian Cahill of the Rhet class of 1960. Rich's brother and sister, Bill Garcia and Joanne Foley, gratefully received the plaque in memory of their brother. Brian Cahill gave an acceptance speech which was well received, saying in part: "I was well into my fifties before I came to understand and appreciate the foundation and education I received from the Sulpicians... Frank Norris, as he did for so many of us, taught me that I could criticize the Church and love the Church at the same time. So in the spirit of Frank Norris and in that spirit of loving criticism, it is impossible for me and for many

of us to ignore that today our Church is an institutional train wreck, stricken with the cancer of clericalism, discredited with the episcopal cover up of abuse, buried in unsubstantiated and misogynistic resistance to women priests, manifesting homophobia in the scapegoating of gay priests and resistance to equal protection for gays and lesbians, and tone deaf in the stubborn refusal to reconsider an outdated theology of sexuality. ... [I]n those years at St. Joes and St. Pats, I formed the most important and most meaningful friendships of my entire life, friendships that especially sustain me today. And I know that I am not alone in that."

The Board also gave its first James P. Murphy Award for outstanding service to the Alumni Association, to John Ravnik, R'59. John's photography has chronicled the history of this Association for almost 40 years. There will be a picture in this Newsletter of Mary Murphy and our President, Tom Dillon, presenting this Award to John. Thanks, John, from all of us!



Rev. Larry Percell, homilist at our Alumni Day Mass, and Tony McGuire, main Celebrant



Jim Mehlfeld, R'62, Dennis O'Brian, R'61, John Van Hagen, R'60, Mike Murray, R'61, Bob Nixon, R'62, and Rev. Mike Strange, PSS, R'59



John Ravnik being awarded the first ever James P. Murphy Award by Mary Murphy and Tom Dillon



Bill Garcia, Bishop Rich Garcia's Brother, our President, Tom Dillon, and Joanne Foley, Bishop Rich's Sister



Brian Cahill, sharing Alumnus of the Year



Mark Wandro, and David and Bernadette Hernandez

Brian Cahill, Joe Haggerty, R'60, Danielle Hoang, and Donna Cahill



BISHOP R. PIERRE DUMAINE *Continued from page 1*

and inactive) and laymen. A unique group not replicated anywhere in this country, or so I am told. It could have been otherwise because I feel we would have walked away from this whole idea of an alumni association if Pierre had not quickly changed his mind.

After the Loma Prieta Quake of 1989, the College moved to an area adjoining Santa Clara University. But the Diocese could no longer afford to subsidize St. Joe's, and the surrounding dioceses could not either. (There had just been a papal visit which gravely affected their respective treasuries.) So, the College was closed. Pierre decided to give this Alumni Association a sum of money representing previously restricted monies held for St. Joe's to administer those monies to help needy seminarians. (I believe the amount of money was about \$10K, perhaps a little more.) Individuals on the Board, principally Charlie Sweeney (Rhet '40), had been giving the Rectors money as an "emergency" fund to pay for jackets for seminarians, plane fare home for a deceased parent's funeral, etc. Charlie Sweeney had died; so the Board incorporated, secured explicit tax exempt status and created the C.W. Sweeney Scholarship Fund. Your Board administered that Fund until just a few years ago when there ceased to be calls for help. (Apparently, present day seminarians don't consistently have the needs exhibited by the poor.) Pierre's gift, enhanced over the years by gifts from alums and from Charlie's widow, helped a great number of seminarians make it through the seminary.

Bishop Pierre's support for this Alumni Association must be remembered as a legacy to each of us.

Don Carroll, Rhet'58

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember the following alums having passed on since Alumni Day last April.

James T. Bill, Rhet'57

Most Rev. Robert Christian, O.P.

Rector-President of St. Patrick's Seminary

Most Rev. R. Pierre DuMaine, Rhet '51

John J. Kelly, Rhet'42

George W. Maloney, Rhet '64

Daniel F. McHugh, Rhet '63

Philip M. Montesano, Rhet '61

Daniel J. Murphy, H.S. '72

Merlin W. Porter, Rhet '51

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NEW FACES ON ALUMNI BOARD

Alumni Board now has two new members:

Jim Fitzgerald (R'57) and John Murphy (H.'76).

Jim "Fitz" entered St. Joe's as a Sixth Latiner and left St. Pat's at the end of First Theology in 1960. Jim retired as Asst. Superintendent for Personnel of the Santa Clara Unified School District. He has an M.A in psychology and counseling. Jim served as a teacher and counselor and values particularly highly his 8 years as Principal of Valley High School, a continuation school for at-risk kids. He lived for sports while in the seminary. After he left St. Pat's, he became the first varsity baseball coach for the then new Archbishop Mitty High School. Jim lives in San Jose with his wife, Pam. They have two adult sons and grandchildren.

John Murphy graduated from the High School in 1976. He was the last of 4 Murphy brothers (Jim, Dan & Steve) to go to St. Joe's. John graduated with a degree in business management and has worked at CMPC (Sutter Health) for 36 years in the I.T. Department where he supports electronic health records. John is married to Judy ("my better half") and has one daughter. He lives in Novato.

Welcome to both!

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HALL OF FAME DINNER
Saturday, October 12, 2019

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Don't miss our colorful and informative newsletters, our Alumni Day information, and more. If you have moved recently please let us know: write us a note, send us a quick email, or contact us through our school's website. If items we mailed to you bounced back to us, then we need to delete your mailing label from our file. Don't let this happen to you!!!

Thank you!

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Please do contact us with any change of address, suggestions, alumni updates, opinions or concerns.

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Book Recommendation

Our alum, Bob Villarreal (R'64), has authored The Adventure Chronicles of, Conquistador Pedro De Merida Vol.1. See Bob's website: <http://bobvillarreal.com/> to learn more. Paintings are by Louis S. Glanzman (courtesy of National Geographic). You may also visit "About This Book" on the Adventure Chronicles site.

Dues Reminder

We depend on your voluntary "dues" to run this Alumni Association. Some who have supported us in the past have passed away, and we get no support from any other source. We would be pleased to receive anything you can afford.

Also, if you know of alums who are not getting our stuff, kindly let us know their names and contact information. We have 1300 alums for whom we have contact info, and we wish to expand that base.