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Spring 2023 Newsletter

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

SAVE THE DATES

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, June 17 – Alumni Day

Your Alumni Board has decided to return Alumni Day to the Spring and to make it a luncheon instead of a dinner. Hopefully, this will be well received by those for whom night driving has become an issue. The Mass will be at 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch at St. Pat's as usual.

Invitations have been sent out in early May.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FINANCES AND DUES REMINDER

Our expenses for Alumni Day and for our Newsletters continue to go up. While we still have 1,100 of you for whom we have good contact information, only a couple hundred alums are supporting our operations through voluntary "dues". So, whatever amount you can afford is gratefully received at St. Joseph's College Alumni, 320 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park, CA 94025.



ALUMNI NEWS

Dear Classmates of the Rhet Class of '59

I want to share with you the wonderful letter I received from Dakin Matthews in which he shared that The Acting Company in New York has selected him to be the recipient of the John Houseman Award "for lifetime contribution to the art of the theatre."

In his letter Dakin refers to his "sixty year" career as an artist. I am going to remind him that in 1957 he starred in our Seminary production of the *Pirates of Penzance* and in 1958 in *No Time for Sergeants*. So he really got started 66 years ago!

Please do not hesitate to send him your congratulations!

Best, Dennis McQuaid (R'59)

BAND OF BROTHERS: ST. JOE'S IN THE '50S

Don Carroll (R'58)

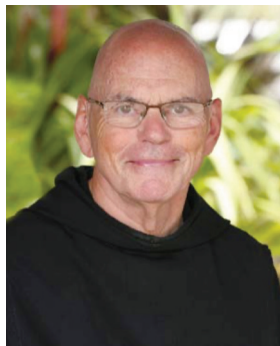
I want to associate in Greg McAllister's earlier review of Bob Del Tredici's pictorial, whimsical and humorous book, *St. Joe's in the '50s*. Bob says that even after he left the seminary, "seminary energies would still persist" coming "like trickles of lead and gold, flint and stone."

While ostensibly a history of the Rhet class of 1959, it has riches for the memories of all of us. It documents a bygone era with photos, graphics and texts resonant with the experience of all of us during that period. Indeed, none of us will ever see this era again and quite likely no one else ever will either. Thus, Bob's book is a keepsake, an archive all its own.

I would like to urge anyone who would like to do a similar opus for his class to consider seriously doing so. Bob's book is going into the archives of this Alumni Association in the Archives of the Diocese of San Jose where it will be a historical record. You could add to that while having a great deal of fun for yourself.

To get a copy of the book and/or to quiz Bob in how to do one of your own, contact him at: Bob Del Tredici, 544 Beaurepaire Drive, Beaconsfield, Quebec, Canada, H9W 3E2. Your check made payable to Bob should be for \$49 and you should use an international stamp or three regular U.S. stamps. Bob is also reachable at: bobdeltredici@gmail.com

DAY OF RECOLLECTION 2023



Fr. Mathew Leavey, OSB

On March 11, 2023, the Alumni Association had its annual Day of Recollection, both in person and by Zoom. We estimate that between 50 and 60 attended. We also enjoyed a wonderful hot lunch from the Oblate Sisters of Jesus the Priest at St. Patrick's Seminary.

Our Director for the Day was the Rev. Matthew Leavey, OSB, a monk of the Woodside Priory in Portola Valley. For some 27 years Fr. Matthew had been the Abbot of St. Anselm's Abbey in New Hampshire. We were the very satisfied recipients

of a master class in spirituality. Subsequent comments were "Well presented – one of the best Days of Recollection I have attended" and "Loved the speaker and his ideas" and "Fr. Matthew was engaging and thought provoking. Most worthwhile".

Fr. Matthew took us through the movements of the Paschal mystery and left us with a stronger conviction about the imminent presence of an all-loving God. To open ourselves to that love we must forgive and both abstain from making



negative judgments about others as well as find the goodness in everyone just like God finds it in us.

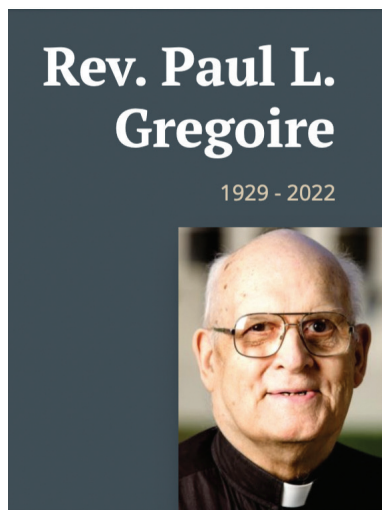
We will seek to bring back Fr. Matthew another time. We hope to see you at this event next year.

IN MEMORIAM: Some East and West Coast Memories

Joe Barile (R'67, C'69)

I first learned about Fr. Paul Gregoire's passing when I checked the East coast obituaries before phoning him direct. Our last conversation 6 months before found him in increasing states of dementia, some anxiety at his forgetting who I was, so I thought I had better check first. Here's some of what I found in several New Hampshire obituaries (My italics):

The Rev. Paul L. Gregoire, age 93, a retired Roman Catholic priest, passed away Dec. 29, 2022 at Mount Carmel Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, where he had lived for four years.



The Rev. Paul L. Gregoire

Reading a little further I noticed that very little was said about what affected seminarians at St. Joe's the most; the quality time he spent with us both in the seminary and visits to the West coast thereafter. The obit goes on to give us some early background essentials.

(Again in Italics): *He became a member of the Society of St. Sulpice on May 5, 1953, and taught at seminaries in Baltimore, California, and Seattle. He returned to the Diocese of Manchester in 1977 and was assigned as associate pastor of Saint Anne Parish in Berlin.*

In July 1978, he was assigned as associate pastor of Saint Joseph Cathedral in Manchester. He served as pastor of Saint Denis Parish in Hanover and Saint John the Baptist Parish in Manchester, and as administrator of Saint Patrick Parish, Manchester. Father Paul loved a good game of cribbage and was a lifelong fan of the Boston Red Sox. He had a keen sense of humor and was always quick with a joke. In 1993, he returned to Saint Charles, the parish he considered home. According to a 2005 article in the New Hampshire Union Leader, he said, "St. Charles was a wonderful return. Coming back to my roots and the community that nurtured my vocation was perhaps one of the greatest satisfactions of my life." <https://www.seacoastonline.com/obituaries/pprt0391582>

From the above obit I noticed several things which I would like to address more. First, very little was said about Fr. Paul's teaching for 23 years as a Sulpician priest dedicated to priestly formation and influencing hundreds of young men and the French-speaking Sisters who supported them all. Secondly, here, too, Father's interest in sports, humor, and people, helped him win over students, their families, and support staff, and others he met while on his brief stay with us at St. Joe's in Cupertino.

Jack Quatman (R'67) was first to share his memories of his teacher, confessor, and friend. "When Tucker Sheehan [R'67], Rae Puccinelli [R'67] and I needed a new confessor starting our third year RP mentioned that Gregs had become available and it would be a great move to jump on the bandwagon. I was not so sure because I had my problems with him when he was Prefect of Discipline. But RP talked me into it and it was the best move ever. He turned out to be a great person. After our third year during the summer, Gregs borrowed the Sheehan's Chrysler la Barron and took Tucker, RP, and me to LA for the Russian/American track meet. We stayed at the minor

seminary in LA. One day I did not have tickets to the meet, so Gregs took me to Disneyland. That guy rode all the rides until he was about to drop. It was really hard for me when he got transferred. He was just a wonderful person. He got to know my parents, and had dinner at their place every two weeks."

Joe Barile (R'67 C'69) interjects to say, "The young Gregoire went to a very academic prep school, attending a prestigious college (University of Baltimore), and doing some graduate work at Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana, where he earned a Licentiate in Sacred Theology. He may have also had MA in history, or he just loved American history. He was not only a very smart and well educated person; he was a creative, demanding, and caring educator. Tests and papers were promptly returned, which gave students and teacher an immediate feedback on how they were both doing. He helped me as a student and a teacher to be—all of us are teachers in one way in another."

Paul F. Page (R'67 C'69) relates the following. "Early on as 6th Latiners, Fr. Gregoire assigned Jack Quatman and I as the "pueri sarcinae", the boys whose responsibility it was to post the arrival of packages sent from home to the seminary where



Paul Page, Fr. Gregoire, Joe Barile, Jack Quatman, and Class President Pat McQuillan (R'67) (deceased 2018) here at a 2007 class reunion, which had Fr. As a guest of honor.

they could be picked up in Gregs' office. Gregs was always available to make sure the packages were delivered...and he seemed pleased that we took our responsibility seriously.

Those of us lucky enough to have Gregs as a teacher will remember a good number of things about him and what went on in his classroom. Once I figured out that he seldom called on students whose hand was up to answer a question or give a Latin translation, I decided I could avoid embarrassment by simply putting my hand up, too, a little too enthusiastically as I remember it. Well, you know what happened next: "*Ah. Domine Page. Bene de te ad nos accedat. Iam quoniam est illius postremae lineae*" I, of course was mortified, but never so much as when he drilled us on Latin numbers when he'd consistently call on me to tell the class the Latin number for six. His 500 word freshman Latin Vocabulary Final was probably the hardest test I've ever taken. And it was a complete surprise to all of us, Gregs not revealing his hand until the test was passed out. Whew! But by the time I was a junior in high school, having had Gregs for three solid years of Latin, I could read and write Latin quite well, a skill I have somewhat maintained over all these years.

His enthusiasm for American History had all of us reading and reading and reading. I began wearing glasses shortly after that year after months of late night reading with a flashlight in my closet after lights out. Gregs made it all worthwhile, though. Well, a couple of memories. Paul Gregoire was a good and kind man thrust into the unhappy position of dean of discipline. He did uphold the law. But he also had an understanding nature and a wit only those of us in his classroom could/would appreciate. I am so glad that he was my teacher, one of the very best I have ever had."

Jack Snider (R'67) recalled the following. "I cannot remember which year it was ('64,'65, or

'66), but Fr. Gregoire asked our history class what was President Warren Harding famous for. Herb Manchester answered first, but Father said he was incorrect. I raised my hand and said that Warren Harding was the first president to throw out the first pitch to open baseball season. Father G. smiled and said, 'You're absolutely right, Mr. Snider.' It had to be springtime, around opening day."

Classmate Fr. Larry Percell (R'67) sent his memory of Father Paul, as they called him, to the east coast obituary to let them know how much he was loved and respected here in his brief time with us at St. Joe's. Thanks for this, Larry. "I met Father Paul in September 1961 when I entered St. Joseph College, the minor seminary for the Archdiocese of San Francisco. He was a priest of the Society of St. Sulpice at the time. He was always kind and encouraging. He served as my spiritual director during my senior year of high school (1964-65) and was just the spiritual guide I needed. We had a brief reunion in 2007 when he attended my class's 40th anniversary of graduation from St. Joseph. I was privileged to welcome him and my classmates to St. Nicholas Parish in Los Altos, CA where I was serving as pastor. Father Paul was a model priest."

Mike Huvane (HS'65) remembered his new confessor/counselor in the following way:

- Can't believe Father Gregoire was 32 in 1961 when we were 6th Latiners – I would have guessed in his 50s.
- At first, I remember him appearing a bit stern – probably a prerequisite for being the Prefect of Discipline.
- In 4th High, I switched to Fr. Gregoire as my confessor – a breath of fresh air and a really smart move; I remember him being kind and approachable and not 'stern'.
- He was the only one who ever spoke to me about the 'facts of life' – in a kind and knowing way
- When I left St Joe's after 4th High he was gracious to me and accommodating.

In closing, here are a few lines I wrote and read to Father Gregoire and assembled classmates at our 2007 class reunion. Thanks to those classmates who responded in a timely fashion to allow this

sharing of sentiment to be expressed. Thanks also to the SJC/SPS Alumni Association for mailing this on to its Alumni it has on record. Even his passing has brought us together, once again.

*"Tempus Fugit et non comebackibus"
was just the needed stimulus
to get us through another day,
making Latin class much more fun
when he taught in this playful way.*

*Though Gregs (to us) was in control
he never bruised or shamed our souls,
when saddled as dean of discipline.
A wise young man at thirty-two,
he seemed older with hair so thin.*

*And now, almost in a heaving sigh,
forty years have gone bye-bye,
yet our memories alone still thrive,
The child is father of the man," and
lucky were we to have survived*

*And had him with us way back then:
as teacher, mentor, to many friend.
Thank you, Father Paul Gregoire,
for walking with us once again,
a chance to even up the score.*

~ J.Barile, 2007

Stay in the loop ...

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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Contact Information

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

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MEET YOUR NEW ALUMNI BOARD MEMBERS

Your Alumni Board has some new members, Ray Boudewyn (H'76), Dan Ghiorso (H'77) and Fr. Tony McGuire (R'59 & SPS '65). We provide some brief profiles.

DAN GHIORSO (H'77)

Dan's first job was as a tech in the auto industry, mostly with G.M. In 1993 he joined the Woodside Fire Protection District as a firefighter. After 26 years in the District, the last 8 as the Fire Chief, Dan retired from firefighting. He continues to teach fire science at the College of San Mateo where he teaches both an EMT curriculum and a Fire curriculum.



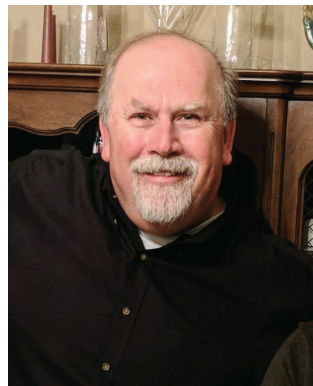
Chief Ghiorso

From the time he left St. Joe's until 2017, Dan coached youth sports. He has served on the Foster City Little League Board. His other "outside" activities include Rotary Club, the Woodside Portola Valley Fire Protection Foundation Board and now our St. Joe's Alumni Board.

Thanks, Dan, for joining us!
Welcome!

RAY BOUDEWYN (H'76)

Ray joins our Board from a very active work and volunteer life. Currently, Ray is the Vice President of Facilities for Sequoia Living in San Francisco from where he is involved with ten campuses in Northern California providing continuing care retirement community, affordable housing and community programs.



Ray Boudewyn

Also currently, Ray is the owner of Prevent-A Fire and Safety Consulting Firm LLC in San Francisco.

Since 2012 Ray has also been a member of the Disaster Advisory Committee of the California Association of Health Facilities.

Ray (like our other new member, Dan Ghiorso) began as a firefighter, spending some 29 years

with the Colma Fire District and the SFFD Reserve. He is a member of the National Fire Protection Association.

Ray too, like Dan, has served his community of the City of Colma as City Council member, Mayor and Vice Mayor.

Married since 1980 to his wonderful wife, Susan, they have three married children and two grandchildren

with two more "on the way". Dan (somewhat unbelievably) has time for hobbies and interests including fly fishing, surf fishing, photography, grandchildren, hiking, nature and gardening. (We list those in precisely the exact order in which he gives them to us.)

We are honored to have this busy alum join our Board. Welcome Ray.

Editor, Jim Harvey

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