

# The Perpetual Light

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



## *A Matter of Principal* By Bill Kovacich

Change is in the air here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School. First, as I work my way towards eventual retirement, Mrs. Corrine Muscat, current vice-principal, will join me as co-principal this coming school year. She, along with Mrs. Sheila Ortega, has helped administrate the school over the past several years and we feel that together we can continue to successfully administrate all religious, curricular and extra-curricular challenges that come our way. Corrine will work half days on Monday and full days on Thursday and Friday. I will be on duty Monday Through Wednesdays and on any other days where I am needed. That's right, that means Mrs. Muscat is a 50% Principal and I will be contracted for 60% of the duty. Tongue-in-cheek, we say that OLPH will indeed have a principal who will give 110%.

We have made several teacher changes within the other grades. Mrs. Casey Lazalde and Mrs. Amelia Axler will switch classes at the first and fourth grade levels. Mrs. Gemma Glean, our kindergarten teacher for many years, will move to third grade, replacing Sr. Philomene who has taught at OLPH for over four decades and will remain part time as a teacher's aide and continue her work with our athletic department.

Finally, we welcome two new teachers. Mr. James Hanratty will join us as our junior high Social Studies and seventh grade homeroom teacher. Mr. Hanratty is a local Catholic School product, having attended St. Brendan, St. Ignatius and college at both Oregon and University of San Francisco. He has recently taught in the Sequoia Union High School district as well as serving as track and field coach both there and at St. Ignatius. Mrs. Caroline Hickey will take over in kindergarten. She is also a local product, having taught in the San Bruno School district last year, but is happy to return to her Catholic School roots.

I have always been a big proponent of change in both my professional and personal life. Changes are signs that we are alive and growing and, as you know, OLPH has gone through many in its eighty-year history. In reality, it is you, our students, parents and alumni who support us and make us strong. We pray for all of you and look forward with renewed excitement and optimism for meeting the challenges of a new school year.

**SAVE THE DATE ~ ANNUAL AUCTION FUNDRAISER SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2014**

## FATHER PETILLA COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The Father Petilla Community Service Award, named after our recently retired Pastor, is given to a person whose contributions of time, talent, and/or treasure to the OLPH community are considered extraordinary. Ever since we located, framed and hung the past graduation pictures in Alumni Hall in 2004/05, we find people of various ages looking over these pictures, standing on tiptoes, even climbing onto chairs to get a look at certain classes and individuals. **Al Menicucci '45** was one of the first OLPH grads to respond to an early mailer sent out to OLPH Alums by bringing in his 1945 graduation photo. Al has visited OLPH often and, as one of a family of eleven children (all of whom attended OLPH), he has great memories of the School and of the Sisters who taught here at that time. He was especially grateful to them for permitting his Down Syndrome brother, Earl, to attend school (in his words) "allowing Earl to become the best that he could be." He shared many fond and funny stories about life here at OLPH in the 40s and 50s. Over the years, Al has become a faithful friend, a person who kept in touch with us on a regular basis. He attended our open houses and our auction/dinner fundraisers and helped us contact other OLPH grads. He became a donor to our scholarship program and even committed to a monthly donation to OLPH for the rest of his life. In Al's words:

*As a graduate of the OLPH class of 1945, I would like to thank the OLPH community for this wonderful award. I will always be thankful to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange for the caring and loving attitude they extended to me and my brothers and sisters. I still hold in my heart the values that were passed on to us: the love of God, love of neighbor, love of country and love of education.*

*My simple message to OLPH graduates is threefold: First, congratulations on your wonderful achievement. Second, always remain thankful and appreciative for the good things that OLPH has done for you. And finally, never forget your Alma Mater:*

We thank you, Al, and truly appreciate all you have done for us!



**Al Menicucci '45** is flanked by OLPH Principal Bill Kovacich, Development Director **Ed Mahoney '61** and OLPH Pastor Fr. Augusto Villote

**“yippee ai-yo kai-yay!”** Believe it or not, the 9th annual OLPH Development Department Auction/Dinner fundraiser, **BONANZA AT THE OLPH CORRAL** shattered all previous profit records, surpassing the \$25,000 mark after all the chips were counted. Once again, a collaboration of talent and hard work produced a winning event. Outback Steakhouse provided the food for the “Bonanza” and the usual cast of characters from the faculty, Alumni, parents and students all pitched in to organize and implement all aspects of a terrific event. Thanks to all!

*Western photos courtesy of LifeTouch Photos*



Mrs. Pacheco (Rick's Mom), **Rick Pacheco '69** and **Valerie Blasi '69** Hansen



Josh & Ellen Mahoney, got “hitched” on 10/6/12



**Rhody Sutherland '43** (70 Years!) Valente and **Bonnie Miller**

### 2013 AUCTION DINNER CASH RAFFLE WINNERS



- \$1000** ALAYNE ANDRIEU (OLPH Grad)
- \$500** BARBARA DELUCCHI (Ferrari Fund Donor)
- \$250** SOPHIA QUINLAN '07 (OLPH Grad)
- \$100** KEVIN GARVIN '73 (OLPH Alumnus)
- \$50** ROBERT AND VERWINA ROBLE (OLPH Parents)



*(Foreground)*  
John and Michelle Zirelli (Recology),  
Jim and **Jayne Ferrari '72**,  
**Jennifer Pagan '72**,  
**Caren Ferrari '78** and Scott Severi



...MORE DINNER GUESTS



Mike Parodi '63 and Gerry Nolan '61 talk over the upcoming roundup at the "Bonanza"



Frank Cirimele '51 and Marianne Petroni '52 share a moment at the auction/dinner



Mini-reunion: OLPH 1965 Classmates John Shea '65 and Larry Murray '65 enjoying each others' company.



Liz and Peter Bandalan '63 and Liz Parodi enjoying Outback Steakhouse meal at the "Bonanza"



Partying in the "Cowboy Way": Jody McPheeters, Marielle Gonsalves, Tom Graves and Joe Gonsalves are definitely not "City Slickers."



Bonnie Balestreri '63 Austin visits with William and Kathleen Neary '63 Dumont.



Deacon Lery Prudenciado, Roy Mendoza and Gustavo Proano toast the evening at the "Bonanza at the OLPH Corral."



Bevy of Beauty at the Bonanza!

# Notes from past grads...



**SISTER RITA MARIE KROPP**—(Excerpted from Summer, 2012 issue of “Bridges,” Magazine, A Publication of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange) **80 Year Jubilee** “I just had a treasured moment on April 25, 2012. Several sisters traveled to Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in Daly City, CA, to proclaim the 100th Jubilee of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange. I was at OLPH for 12 years: first from 1937-1943, and again as principal and local superior from 1960-66. Father Joe Gordon (OLPH '59) did a great job introducing us and talking about our history. I saw students that I taught in the '30s, '40s and '60s. It was a grand celebration. I've had many memorable moments, but that one was dear to my heart.”

**JUDY '53, AL '45 and GRACE '49 MENICUCCI** pose at a dinner party in honor of Al's devotion to OLPH over the years. Al was presented with the 2013 “Father Petilla Community Service Award” during the Class of 2013 Graduation ceremonies on May 31st in OLPH Church.



**ROLAND MOREIRA '90** visited OLPH on 03/22/13. After graduating from OLPH, Roland went on to graduate from Riordan in 1994. He recently completed his studies at SF State and acquired a BA in Business Communications in 2012. Roland is fluent in English and Italian and is searching for members of his OLPH class of 1990. You can e-mail him at [moreira.businessfinder@gmail.com](mailto:moreira.businessfinder@gmail.com).

**MICHELLE DIAZ '91 CANNON** recently completed her second childrens' book, entitled “Remember When.” She visited OLPH a few years ago with her first book, “Ben Not a Puppy” and read to the primary students. More info on Michelle can be found at: [cannonbooks.org](http://cannonbooks.org)

**ANTHONY GUEVARA '02 and JUSTIN ENRIQUEZ '02** with OLPH Development Director Ed Mahoney '61 in May, 2013.



Mary Enriquez '09

**MARY ENRIQUEZ '09** graduated from Mercy, San Francisco June 1, 2013. She will be attending University of the Pacific in the fall, majoring in Biochemistry.

**REINA SANZ '09** also graduated from Mercy, San Francisco this summer. Reina will be attending University of California in Davis in the fall.



**AUDREY CARMONA '09** matriculated from Mercy, San Francisco in 2013 and will be attending University of California, Berkeley starting in August, 2013.

**NICOLE KOH '11** Recently won First Place in the Early Teen Voices Art Song category of the Hal Leonard Vocal Competition from a North American field of 1000 contestants, receiving a \$500 cash prize. Nicole's performance can be viewed at the following link: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=dtiFcOrgPhk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dtiFcOrgPhk). Treat yourself to her performance of “Green Finch and Linnet Bird” from Sweeney Todd and “Wishing you were somehow here again” from Phantom of the Opera.

**MEGAN ANGELINE RAMOS PEREZ '11** recently completed her Sophomore year at Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory, where she also played right field for the Varsity Softball Team. This summer she will participate in a College Concurrent Program, which will enable her to get a head start on her Associates Degree. She will also play for the San Francisco Junior Giants Teen Baseball League, coach their Youth League and volunteer for the Daly City Recreation program.

**Check out the OLPH NEWSLETTER**

[www.olphdc.org/alumni.html](http://www.olphdc.org/alumni.html)

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# Where Are They Now???

## CLASS OF '63 KNOWS THE SPIRIT OF GIVING AND THE JOY OF REUNITING

By Nadine Mignault '63 Goyhenetche

The Class of '63 began their Golden Anniversary of graduation celebration with a pre-reunion in November 2012 at the Basque Cultural Center. The attendees -Pete Bandalan, Mike Calegari, Kris Hansen Muller, Mike Martin, Mike Parodi, Andy Siordia and Nadine Mignault Goyhenetche formed a planning committee which began enthusiastically gathering names and contact information that grew to almost 80% of the class.

Some came long distances to the March 2nd Auction/Dinner in Alumni Hall on the OLPH campus. James (and Linda) Bruening came from Durham in Northern California and Jeannette Wertenberg Biasotti (San Diego) and Bonnie Balestreri Austin (Ojai) came from Southern California. At grace before dinner they prayed for those who were not well and could not attend - Thomas and Mary Mitchell, David DeBono, and Judy Knight. They also prayed for classmates who have died - Linda Madonich, Janet Marino Piccardo, Patty Nichols Garberick and Sal Giudice.

Of course, the attendees were excited to receive their Honorary Diplomas from Principal Kovacich and the Director of Development Ed Mahoney '61 on the occasion of their Golden Anniversary of Graduation. Together with many from the Class of '63 who were unable to attend, their appreciation for their OLPH education was apparent in their generous spirit of giving back on the occasion of their Golden Anniversary. The Class of '63 donated \$2,150 with an additional pledge promise of \$3,600 over the next four years!



**1963 Grads at March 2, 2013 Auction/Dinner 50-year Reunion** Front, l-r Michael Parodi, Jeanette Wertenberg Biasotti, Anne Marie Flaherty, Nadine Mignault Goyhenetche, Kathleen Neary Dumont, James Bruening Back, l-r Alan Stanley, Michael Martin, Andy Siordia, Peter Bandalan, Bonnie Balestreri Austin, Palmira Malaspina Sargent



**1963 Graduation Party, June 1963** at the "House of Parties Hall" on 22 Hillcrest Drive, Daly City "Top of the Hill" Hosted by parents of Linda Coleman, Anne Marie Flaherty, Kristine Hansen and Nadine Mignault.

### • CLASS OF 1964 REUNION •

**Saturday, March 1, 2014 at OLPH Auction/Dinner**

*50-year Diplomas will be presented to '64 grads in attendance*

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### • OLPH CLASS OF 1956 REUNION •

Roy Cavellini '56 reports that he and several classmates are planning a meeting to discuss future reunion possibilities. Anyone who is interested in participating or commenting should contact: Roy 925-600-9351 [royc@roycavellini.com](mailto:royc@roycavellini.com) or one of the other classmates.

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### *Remember Your Departed Loved Ones in a Special Way*

A donation of \$25 or more to the Mahoney Family Fund will enter the name of a deceased friend or family member into the OLPH Memorial Book, present on the altar at all student masses. An acknowledgement card will be sent to the family of the deceased. Please make your check payable to **Mahoney Family Fund** and mail your donation to:

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*We will correct the oversight in the winter issue of "The Perpetual Light"*

# OLPH Class of 2013 Superstars

## AWARDS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

For Excellence in Religion: **Jamie- Lynn Yumul**

For Excellence in Math: **Ver Arvin Pasamic**

and **Alessander Magat**

For Excellence in Literature: **Christopher Avalos**

For Excellence in Language Arts: **Veronika Roble**

For Excellence in Creative Writing: **Gian Visenio**

For Excellence in Social Studies: **Gian Visenio**

For Excellence in Science: **Ver Arvin Pasamic**

For Excellence in Spelling: **Melissa Constantino**

**THE HIGH ACADEMIC HONORS AWARD** is given to the students who have achieved the highest grade point average in all academic subjects. The students receiving this award are **Christopher Avalos, Veronika Roble, and Gian Visenio.**

**THE OUTSTANDING EFFORT AND DEPARTMENT AWARD** is given to the student who has consistently worked hard, given their best effort in school and is exceptionally helpful to all classmates and faculty members. The student receiving this award is **Lieu Madayag.**

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION UPON ENTRANCE TO HIGH SCHOOL

The Spartan Scholar Award to Immaculate Conception Academy College Preparatory High School is awarded on the basis of high scores on the High School Placement test, excellent grades in elementary school and outstanding citizenship.

The students receiving this award are **Melissa Constantino and Veronika Roble.**

Accepted with distinction

to Saint Ignatius College Preparatory High School is **Christopher Avalos.**

to Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory High School is **Lieu Madayag.**

Accepted with Academic Excellence into the Inquiry and Innovation Program

at Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory High School is **Ver Arvin Pasamic.**

Accepted with Honors at Entrance and Recipient of the Father Junipero Serra Academic Excellence Award

which is only given to a select number of students are **Benjamin Gabriel and Gian Visenio.**

**THE TECHNOLOGY AWARD** is given to the student who has demonstrated exceptional skill in the area of Technology and a willingness to share their knowledge. The student receiving this award is **Christopher Avalos.**

**THE FINE ARTS AWARD** is given to the student who has demonstrated individual growth through the fine arts and/or an exceptional artistic ability. The student receiving this award is **Benjamin Gabriel.**

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP S.A.I.N.T. AWARD** is given to the student who has exemplified the spirit of OLPH School. This student is a Spiritually Active Christian, Accountable Citizen, Independent Thinker, Noteworthy Learner and Thoughtful Choicemakers. This year's recipient maintained a positive attitude and was a considerate and dedicated student, who consistently showed interest in the individuals and environment around her.

The student receiving this award is **Jamie-Lynn Yumul.**

**THE CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP AWARD** is given to the students who have displayed a constant spirit of Christianity in their everyday lives while dealing with staff and students. The students receiving this award are **Nicole Mendoza and Janal Sampang**

## OLPH SERVICE TO SCHOOL AWARD

For cooperation and willingness to help staff and other students; for courteous and respectful attitude to faculty and staff; and for a willingness to take on and complete various school projects, the OLPH Service to School Award is awarded to **Jadyn Padrones.**

**THE OLPH DRAMA AWARD** is given to the students who have shown dedication in the area of Theatre Arts.

The three students receiving this award are **Benjamin Gabriel, Alana Fleder and Jamie-Lynn Yumul.**

## THE BUD DUGGAN SCHOLARSHIP FOR KINDNESS AWARD



Our Lady of Perpetual Help 2013 Bud Duggan Kindness award winner **ARIEL GUEVARRA** is pictured with Dan Duggan from Duggan's Serra Family Mortuary. The annual award is presented to the OLPH graduate chosen by her classmates for "generously and unselfishly treating others with kindness and charity." Ariel was presented with a check for \$400, an Immaculate Conception Academy (ICA) sweatshirt (her high school of choice) and tickets for an upcoming Giants' game.

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### 2013 JAMES COSTELLO SERVICE TO STUDENT AWARD WINNERS

Ruben and Michelle Correa '77 Nunez pose with past OLPH Principal James Costello (1986-2003) and current Principal Bill Kovacich

### † IN MEMORIAM †

MARY MENICUCCI '46 FITZGERALD

*Sister of ALLEN '45, GRACE '49,  
CAROL '51, JOSEPH '52 AND JUDY '53.  
Predeceased by Don '38, Geraldine '39,  
Frank, Earl and Tom '50.*

PATSY CURLEY '48 CRAVIOTTO

MONSIGNOR JOHN O'CONNOR

*Former Pastor of St. Mary's Cathedral  
and OLPH supporter*

APOLOGY — Tom Dekker was incorrectly listed in the "IN MEMORIAM" section in the last issue of "The Perpetual Light" newsletter. We are sincerely sorry for any discomfort or inconvenience this may have caused Tom and his family.

### LET US KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN DOING!

Contact Ed Mahoney E-Mail: EMah1965@aol.com Mail: OLPH, 80 Wellington Avenue, Daly City, CA 94014