

The Perpetual Light

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



Principal's Perspective By Katie Franco

"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new."
—Socrates

I think that most of you would agree with me when I say that change is a constant in life. This is true of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School. Although OLPH continues to be a melting-pot of parents seeking a well-rounded Catholic, faith-based education for their children, it is also continually changing and improving. This year we have allocated funds for a major project. We are pleased to announce that the retiling of the school's entry corridor and Alumni Hall will begin this summer and will be ready by the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year. This project could not have been done without the efforts of our alumni supporters and families. I hope all of you will join us at the next alumni event to see the completed project.

Another piece of exciting news is that we have decided to join the Archdiocese of San Francisco's chapter of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Orange Network. Our Lady of Perpetual Help School has a long standing connection to the CSJ Sisters. As founders of our school, many of our past principals and teachers were from this order. Our current teachers will join a network of 5 other Archdiocesan schools for professional development and education of the charisms of these Sisters.

I would be amiss at the closing of my first year as principal not to thank each and every one of our alumni for your contributions to us throughout the year. Meeting so many of you at our Alumni Auction in March was one of my favorite moments this year. Thank you for welcoming me so openly into a community deeply rooted in love and pride for this school "at the top of the hill." We welcome our most recent graduates, the Class of 2018, as part of one of the best families there is, the OLPH Alumni Family. I know with so many good people behind me "building the new" will be fruitful and rewarding for all.

If you want a sneak peek into the daily life of OLPH School, follow our school on Instagram@olphinsdc

ALUMNI EVENT ~ SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019

Truly Committed



Over the years, serving as Vice-Principal at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, I have worked alongside some truly dedicated people, but none more so than the principals. The role of a principal has evolved over the years. Today, Catholic school principals are required not just to be the spiritual leader of the school and all that that entails but also, to be financial managers, facility overseers, marketing strategists, curriculum specialists, human resource managers, and development directors. To be a principal requires a true commitment of their time, talents and treasures. Our Lady of Perpetual Help School has been blessed to have had so many amazing principals guide us. This year we welcomed Ms. Katie Franco as our principal. Her commitment to OLPH's success is evident. We wish our former principal, Mrs. Corrine Muscat much happiness in her future endeavors. Mrs. Muscat was instrumental in hiring Ms. Franco and worked alongside her this year to ensure a smooth transition.

We thank Mrs. Muscat for her commitment to the success of OLPH.

—By Sheila Ortega, 7th Grade Teacher/Vice-Principal

IN THE BEGINNING...

By Reverend Joseph A. Gordon, OLPH School Class of 1959

Part 3 of 3

Part 2 of “In The Beginning” was included in the Winter 2018 edition of the Perpetual Light, which can be found in the alumni section of our school website (www.olphdc.org). Part 1 ended in 1920 with Father Charles Bertola who was celebrating Mass in a small social hall in Daly City. Father Charles eventually went on to purchase the property on Wellington Avenue and named it after Saint Maximus. Part 2 picked up with Father Donohue being appointed the First pastor of Saint Maximus. We learned of his numerous contributions to the newly founded parish and well as his multitude of struggles. Regrettably, Father Donohue apparently was only slightly successful in both addressing the loan and maintaining solvency.

When Father Donohoe arrived in Daly City the challenges which awaited him were enormous, and in his desire to maintain the vigor of the parish’s earlier years under Father Bertola he arranged in 1927 for a week-long parish mission – a kind of Catholic revival -- to be conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers and Brothers of Oakland. From the establishment of their Order several centuries earlier, the Redemptorists had fostered among Catholics a worldwide devotion to Mary under the title “Our Lady of Perpetual Help”. They were well known for their charismatic preaching skills, and the response of the parishioners to that first parish mission was enthusiastic in every respect. Donohoe, therefore, decided to invite the Redemptorists for the following year also, and he noticed in that reprise that the fruits of the missions were becoming more abundant than anything he had hoped for: in today’s way of putting it, a spiritual and financial jump start. Each year’s mission was hugely successful, spiritually and financially, and gradually an appealing idea occurred to Donohoe and to many parishioners. They would petition Archbishop Hanna for the name of the parish to be changed officially to “Our Lady of Perpetual Help”. Hanna was receptive, and after correspondence between the Vatican and Hanna’s office – permission from the Vatican is required for changes of this kind -- the process was successfully completed. On December 8th, 1929, the name of Daly City’s first Catholic church was changed from St. Maximus to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sr. Rita Marie Kropp celebrated her 101st birthday on March 20th.
Sr. Rita Marie was at OLPH 1937 to 1943
and 1960 to 1966 as Principal.

ALUMNI EVENT

The 2018 alumni event “Over the Rainbow” reminded all in attendance that there is no place like home! A record number of alumni attended this event and a fun time was had by all.

Graduates of the Class of 1978 received their 40 YEARS-RUBY DIPLOMA

John Michelle Gardner, Arthur Gonzales, Raul Hernandez, Mark Lorenzi, Lori Martin, William Murray, Angie Ramos, Ana Sanchez, Denise Sandoval, Jennifer Valcazar, Cynthia Zamora



Receiving their GOLDEN DIPLOMAS from the Class of 1968

Glenn Gallegos and Steven Stanley



OTHER AWARDEES

Diamond Diploma William Jack Lewis – 1955
and Monica Clark - 1957
Golden Diploma Timothy Denning 1967

DIAMOND DIPLOMAS were presented to the members of the Class of 1958

Robert DeGroot, Kathleen Lewis Fuss, Charleen Maschinot Hurton, Terence Irwin, Michael Stanley

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TRIVIA WINNERS The Duggan Family Sponsored Table

RAFFLE WINNERS

1st Prize \$1,000- Linda Leggero (Grandparent) 2nd Prize \$500 -Barbara Sky (School Counselor)
3rd Prize \$250- Chalet Osei (Parent) 4th Prize Winner \$100- Alvin Garcia (Friend of OLPH)
5th Prize- \$50- Donald Rey (Friend of OLPH)

MAJOR SPONSORS OF THIS YEAR’S EVENT

Duggan’s Serra Mortuary, Lucky Chances, Pat (Ricci ‘56) Casey, Lois (Lagamarsino ‘56) Erasmy Gracian and Nadine (Mignault ‘63) Goyhenetche, Bill and Roxanne Kovacich, Mary Tunnell, Jaime Stella, Tony Spiteri, World’s Finest Chocolate, Lucky Chances, Molly Meyer, The OLPH School Parents

Thank you to all who donated items and purchased raffle tickets for this great event!

THE “Ambitious” CLASS OF 2018

On Friday, June 1 Our Lady of Perpetual Help School awarded diplomas to the class of 2018.

SPECIAL AWARDS WERE RECEIVED BY THE FOLLOWING GRADUATES

The Duggan Family Scholarship for Kindness Award
Angelica Garcia *Angelica will be attending ICA in the Fall*

The Outstanding Effort and Department Award
Lucas Macaraeg, Dylan Glean

The Christian Citizenship Award
Antonio Nunez

The Leadership Award
Charles Green

The Spirit Award
Samantha Glean

Accepted into the Engineering Program at Archbishop Riordan
Max Lara

The High Academic Honors Award
Dante Thone, Nheal Magaling

Saint Award
Dante Thone

San Francisco Archdiocese
winner of the MCA Christmas Art contest
Reece Henderson



The Duggan Family Scholarship
for Kindness Award
Angelica Garcia with Dan Duggan

*We wish all of the graduates from the class of 2018 much success in the future
and say good-bye to our special “Legacy “families:*



MICHELLE CORREA NUNEZ ('77)
AND YOUNGEST SON ANTONIO NUNEZ

CECILIA CORTEZ (SANCHEZ '81) AND
YOUNGEST DAUGHTER ADRIANA SANCHEZ

JAMES PAGAN ('76) AND
YOUNGEST SON JARYD PAGAN

JAMES PAGAN ('76)

RECIPIENT OF THE FATHER PETILLA COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The Father Petilla Community Service Award was named after our former pastor, Father Petilla, who worked closely with Our Lady of Perpetual Help School administration, to ensure its future.

Recognizing the importance of infusing our mission throughout all our programs, this year's recipient has acted as coach and athletic director at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School for many years. He has donated hundreds of hours to ensure the success of all of our athletes and our athletic program.

As a coach, what sets him apart is the countless hours he spends volunteering every season, for every sport (both boys and girls), for every grade level. James has made it his mission to build basic foundational skills and foster a competitive spirit within his athletes rather than focus on the win lose column. He always inspires and encourages the athletes to perform their best. He is the epitome of what a coach should be—a leader who brings out the best in all of those under his care.

Upon the retirement of Sr. Philomene Golonka, James Pagan stepped forward and offered to serve as OLPH's Athletic Director. While some schools have a paid athletic director, our recipient has taken on this responsibility voluntarily. This role is not an easy one to fill. It entails answering endless phone calls, texts and emails, enforcing school policies, and vying for the success of all teams. He has sacrificed his days off and has personally, financially donated to the OLPH Sports Program. He has been a trusted adviser to the administration, in the area of sports, over the years.

This year James Pagan will be inducted into the CYO coaches Hall of Fame and we are proud to call him ours—an alumni and a leader.



*8th Grade Girls Basketball champions, 2018
Head Coach: James Pagan*

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† IN MEMORIAM †

Carol Pinard (Sr. Adrienne Marie Pinard)

Former Principal 1966-1972

Esther Day (1922-2018)

(Mother of John '59, Michael '60, Donna '64)

Father Joe Gordon '59

presided at the funeral Mass held at OLPH church

Save the Date! Next year's Alumni Event will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2019!

OLPH NEEDS YOU!

In planning for next year's Alumni Event we would like to honor the classes of 1949, 1959, 1969, 1979, 1989 with special milestone diplomas. If you have contact information for anyone in these classes, please send information to: mrs.ortega@olphdc.org