

# The Perpetual Light

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

## *A Matter of Principal* By Bill Kovacich



Last month, we successfully completed our process of evaluation by the Western Catholic Education Association and Western Association of Schools and Colleges. This four-part task begins with a self-evaluation, a written compilation of the findings, a three-day visit from an outside team and finally a justification statement of accreditation for both WCEA and WASC. We were very pleased with the visiting team's report which commended our school's Catholic values and morals, academic curriculum, the administration, teachers, staff and parents. The integration of technology into the curriculum was highlighted as a special strength.

Today, Our Lady of Perpetual Help school continues on a journey of outstanding service to the local community. We are proud of our past seventy-seven years but realize that challenges both scholastic and economic must be met if we are to continue successfully into the 21st century.

We thank the alumni for their continued support of our school. Please see the list of donors below who have recently contributed to our various fund-raising projects: Diamond Donors, Adopt-a-student, Mahoney Memorial and Scholarship and the Mary Louise Ferrari Building Fund. Mr. Mahoney has included an envelope with this mailing should you be ready and willing to donate to any of these projects. We thank you for your generosity and devotion to OLPH.

**ALUMNI OPEN HOUSE & MASS SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 2011**

**6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL AUCTION DINNER DANCE SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2011**

## *OLPH DONORS SINCE JUNE 2010*

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## A WELCOMING ALTAR — THE REMODELED OLPH CHURCH

### *The 8-Year Vision of OLPH Pastor Father Antonio Petilla*

The wooden walnut gable arch backdrop framing the beige marble wall has for its focal point a Phillipine-made antique crucifix on a wooden walnut cross, offering an unobstructed view of the expansive altar.

There are two marbled arches on both sides of the altar wall. The one on the right now holds the image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help; the other showcases a wooden carving of “The Baptism of Jesus” sculpted out of Philippine Molave wood in Quiapo, Manila.

At the very center is the original altar stone table laid on two wooden (American walnut) pedestals. The limestone baptismal font of rustic finish stands in front of the marbled arch. Beside the font stands a 1920 Spanish hand-forged wrought iron baptismal Paschal candle holder.

At the back of the altar is the original vault-style tabernacle, cleaned, gold-plated and shorn of its red mosaic gate. On its side hangs an 1881 hand-tooled and cast brass whale oil lantern converted into the sanctuary vigil lamp. Below the tabernacle, an exquisitely rendered



OLPH Church Altar (2010)

“retablo” of the Lamb of God is in place.

Flanking the tabernacle are six olden Holy Family candle stands; on the altar floor are two large turn-of-the-century brass-plated candelabra.

The flooring has likewise been altered. Where before there were five levels up to the tabernacle, these have been reduced to three, giving the area a neatness and spaciousness it did not have before. The altar floor is laid with “Rojo-Alicante” marble quarried in Spain.

Standing out regally are the three hand-carved Renaissance-style friar chairs, two on the right of the altar, and the wider, taller Pastor’s chair on the left.



OLPH Church Altar (1947)

*NEXT ISSUE: THE NAVE, THE ARCADE AND THE VESTIBULE*

## **O.L.P.H.** by JOHN QUEZADA '61

Sure  
You relished The place  
But was it a pool hall  
Perceived  
Or  
A church full of grace  
Or  
A cafeteria resplendent  
With plates full of beans & Rice  
The cuisine of little devils & Angels  
Alike  
Or  
Perhaps  
The Relish Bakery  
Or  
Rexall Drugs  
Or  
The Cigar Store  
Or  
The War Memorial  
Or  
The Daly City Public Library  
*Ha-ha-ha-ha-ha*  
Was your favorite place

Whatever the memories  
Harbored from lessons learned  
On that lone hilltop Oasis  
That sanctuary  
A refuge So Safe  
We drank it All in  
We survived  
Comforted all the way  
By the plethora of good vibrations  
Which have come our way  
*Now we ask*  
What have we gained  
From all those devotees of good deeds  
With whom we played & Studied  
Those  
Great friends & Families  
Instructed & Influenced  
By the cerebral  
Steady & Stoic  
Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange  
So kind  
Good  
Sometimes funny

Who gently & Generously  
Mentored  
Challenged & Constantly Guided  
With laser-like Focus  
A moral Compass & Force  
Who Lovingly  
Untiringly Coaxed  
Those Unto Them  
To keep Noses Clean  
Chins up &  
To stand Tall & Straight  
*They Inspire Still*  
Simply Observe  
The fine  
Laywomen & Men  
Who greet & Teach & Counsel  
The Children  
Parents Family & Friends  
Of  
*Our Lady of Perpetual Help*  
Today  
*Amen*

# REUNIONS



**CLASS OF 1980 (L-R)** Yanira Galvez, Cecilia (Sanchez) Cortez (c/o 1981), Daphne McCorery, Adora Gonzales, Yvette (Lopez) Jessop



**CLASS OF 1979 (L-R):** Johanna (Bermudez) Cartagena, Becky (Robleto) Cowie, Sammy Torres, Deanna (Thompson) Moreno, Sophia (Alvarez) Heaney

## 1948 CLASS REUNION

**63rd-Year Annual Reunion Luncheon** is set for Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at Nick's Rockaway. '48 Alums should be receiving their invitations from Marion Oakley in the coming months. Any questions, contact Marion by e-mail at oakmar02@sbcglobal.net or call her at: (707) 425-7945

## 1961 CLASS REUNION

**50th-Year Reunion** is set for Saturday, March 5, 2011 at the annual auction dinner this year titled "Rockin' Surfin' Safari." Put on your bucks and penny loafers, your mini-skirts and pegged pants (or surfin' jams) and "Shake, Rattle and Roll" to Live 60's music! Use enclosed form to respond. Any questions, contact Judy Pearlman Shelver at jlsone@charter.net or Ed Mahoney at EMah1965@aol.com. 50-year "Golden Diplomas" will be awarded to OLPH '61 grads in attendance.



**'78, '79, '80 REUNION:** Back row (L-R): William Murray '78, Raul Hernandez '78, David Baldwin '78, Becky (Robleto) '79) Cowie, Alphonso Guerrero '78, Aida Acosta '78, Noel Lopez '77, Judy '78, Sophia (Alvarez) '79) Heaney, Lori (Martin) '78) Montalvo, Arthur Gonzalez '78, Center (L-R): Geri (Gagliardo '78) Kelleher, Deanna (Thompson '79) Moreno, Adora Gonzalez '80, Josette (DeNatalie) '78 Reid Front row: Daphne McCorery '80, Yanira Galvez '80, Yvette (Lopez '80) Jessop, Cecilia (Sanchez '81) Cortez, Ana Sanchez '78, Cynthia Zamora '78, Sammy Torres '79

*Thanks to the efforts of Deanna Thompson '79 Moreno, a multi-class reunion was held in OLPH Alumni Hall in October of 2010. Alumni from 1978 through 1981 joined together for a pot-luck dinner (with music courtesy of William Murray '78) and shared memories of their days at OLPH. Great job, Deanna!*



**THE BOYS (L-R):** Noel Lopez '77, Alphonso Guerrero '78, Raul Hernandez '78, Sammy Torres '79, David Baldwin '78



**CLASS OF 1978** Front row (L-R): Cynthia Zamora, Geri (Gagliardo) Kelleher, Josette (DeNatalie) Reid, Aida Acosta, Ana Sanchez, Alphonso Guerrero Back row: (L-R): Lori (Martin) Montalvo, Judy, David Baldwin, Raul Hernandez, Arthur Gonzalez, William Murray, Alphonso Guerrero

# Notes from past grads...

**Bob Varni '47** wrote to express an interest in contacting **Don Rode '49**, a regular attendee at the annual Auction Dinner fundraiser in March. We'll have a case of Clausthauler N/A on ice for you this year, Don, and maybe you and Bob can raise a glass together!

**Jack Brush '52** came across the OLPH website ([www.olphdc.org](http://www.olphdc.org)) and expressed an interest in contacting **Ben Peralta '52**, whose name he saw listed in the "Donors" section. Our policy is to not give out any contact info for grads, but we will be happy to contact a classmate for you and provide your info to them, with your permission.

**Judy Pearlman '61 Shelver** is co-organizing the Class of 1961 50th-Year Reunion, set for Saturday, March 5, 2011 at the annual OLPH Auction/Dinner, "Rockin' Surfin' Safari." Judy is hoping there will be an even better turn-out from 1961 than the near-record set at the 1st OLPH Auction in 2005. Contact Judy at [jlstone@charter.net](mailto:jlstone@charter.net) and let's get those reservations and questionnaires in the mail today!

**Rollie Carr '63** dropped by to donate 6 fold-up table/bench combinations for use in Alumni Hall. Rollie is currently employed in the Hillsborough School District.

**Wayne Bascom '69** and his son Joseph recently attended the World Series in Arlington, Texas. You can take the OLPH grad out of California, but you can't take the Giants out of an OLPH grad! Wayne lives in Texas and while at the World Series he maintained email and Facebook contact with **Darlene (Dinius '69) Solem**, who relayed all the sights and sounds of the game to other Class of '69 classmates on the internet. Wayne and Joe were also featured on several Bay Area newspaper and television broadcasts!



**Wayne Bascomb '69**  
and son Joseph

**Brent Jack '89** recently contacted OLPH Development and is interested in organizing a reunion for his Class of 1989. He and his family spent an afternoon with classmate **John Lasso** and his family and rekindled some nice thoughts and memories from their OLPH days. Brent is currently working at the Jack Novicio Insurance Agency in Roseville, CA. Contact him at [brent.jack@jniinc.biz](mailto:brent.jack@jniinc.biz).

**Sarah Manzano '06** and **Alexis Ingo '06** received notable distinctions at the 2010 commencement ceremonies for Mercy High School in S.F. Sarah received the Mother Mary Baptist Russell Award for Campus Ministry and Life Membership in the National Honor Society, while Alexis was designated as a Life Member of the California Scholarship Federation. Also graduating from Mercy in 2010 were OLPH Class of 2006 students **Ria Aquino, Adrienne Carmona, Michelle Dizon** and **Mary Rodriguez**.

**Sophia Quinlan '07** is really making a mark at Immaculate Conception Academy. Not only is she co-President of the Student Body, but she has also excelled in the school's "Cristo Rey" program, which provides part-time paid work-study experience for ICA students, helping to offset their tuition. The international law firm with whom she worked one day a week during the school year not only employed her full-time over the summer, but also requested that she come back for her senior year under the Cristo Rey program. Normally the students rotate positions each fall. Way to go, Soph!



**Carlo Rebong '00** came by for a visit and tour of his Alma Mater in the Fall. While chatting with 8th grade teacher/vice-principal Sheila Ortega they recalled memories of Carlo as a 2nd grader in Ms. Ortega's class in 1993.

## 2010 OLPH GRADS EPITOMIZE TEAM SPIRIT AT RIORDAN

OLPH 2010 alums **Derrick Bonilla, Omar Larrea, Zach Masoli** and **Chris Campbell** played together on this year's Archbishop Riordan High School freshman football team, producing a winning season for the Frosh, after 5 winless years in a row. QB **Zach Masoli** led the team to a 4-3 record, defeating Bellarmine Prep of San Jose in a West Catholic Athletic League matchup for the first time in recent memory.



# Where Are They Now???

## MEMORIES OF THE HILL

By Mike Stanley '58

The corner of Hillcrest and Mission was the site of McGraw's Drug Store, Market Basket Grocery Store, Ace Meat Company, Worshowski's Uniform Shop and the Relish Bakery. On the other side of the street were the competitors: Hilltop Market, the Daly City Library, Cooper's Kitchen and Lee's Drug Store. Now, let your mind wander a bit and savor the memories.

Since OLPH was a closed campus, the kids needed to find a way to get off the grounds. One way was to kick the ball over the fence so that it would end up behind the library. Of course, it was necessary to get permission first to retrieve the ball. This would give us a chance to stop at Cooper's Kitchen and order a sack of French fries, the greasy kind with an aroma that could be smelled for two blocks, purchased with the quarter our Moms had given us for lunch. You tried to eat them all before you got back to the schoolyard, otherwise you would have all your friends scrambling for a hand-out. When school let out those of us who lived near The Hill or had to pass by the Relish Bakery would stop in for the nickel-a-scoop ice cream cone. The ladies who served you seemed like they worked there forever, Dolores Craig, Evelyn McGuire, Lou Crudo, Hutch and Isabel Kettler. Rocky Road, Chocolate Chip, French Vanilla, Strawberry all made on site. Milk shakes, hot chocolate (with marshmallows), butterhorns, sundaes, soda pop--they had it all.

Our parents would shop for uniforms and were always greeted by Worshowski's proprietor Sam Porte. Salt-and-peppers, grays, blue sweaters and white shirts, he had everything we needed. I can remember "sampling" cherries at the Hilltop Market, since they put their produce at the edge of the sidewalk, and getting chased away by the owner. What a mischievous little brat I was! Later the Hilltop Market became the Hilltop Beauty School.

*Next time: Shannon's Hardware, Pool Hall,  
Gianinni's Market and Duffy's Tavern*

## COMING HOME to OLPH

Jason Magana '08 poses  
with  
OLPH secretary  
Mrs. Arlene Castillo  
on recent visit  
to the school



OLPH Parent Club  
co-President Jillian Perez  
poses with her former teacher  
**Madalyn Tremaroli '60  
Fitzpatrick** at 2010 OLPH  
Auction Dinner

1982 Alumni  
**Eric Baarde**  
and  
**Noly de la Cruz**  
pose in front  
of class photo at  
2010 Open House



Daly City/South City  
Saloon owners  
William "Red"  
McGuire (Duffy's  
Tavern) and  
**Lanty Molloy '47**  
(Historical Olde  
Molloy's) share  
memories at March  
2010 Dinner

## OLPH ALUMNI & FRIENDS OPEN HOUSE AND MASS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 2011 AT 2:00 PM

Open House and Classroom tours begin at 2PM      Mass at 4PM in "Newly-remodeled" OLPH Church

*If you would like to participate in Mass please e-mail Ed at EMah1965@aol.com*

# \$75,000 OLPH DIAMOND SCHOLARSHIP CAMPAIGN

*Still room for perpetual recognition*

The “Diamond Donor” campaign was begun in 2008 to commemorate the 75th “Diamond” Anniversary of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School (1933-2008). Our goal was to raise at least \$75,000 to be used for scholarships and tuition assistance for OLPH students. While we were able to raise a worthy total of donations from this campaign, we still have room for more “Diamond Plates” to be placed on the perpetual plaque in Alumni Hall, recognizing those who contribute \$750 or more. Individuals, families and graduating classes are all welcome to participate. Please fill out the form below and send in your donation today. Smaller donations are also gladly accepted and will be added to the total for your graduating class year if you so desire.

*Thank you to our most recent “Diamond Donors”*

Torres Family ~ Sammy '79, Steve '83, Corinne '90

Charles and Jean McGuigan Family

## Classes which have met or exceeded the \$750 “Diamond Donor” Goal

\* Exceeded \$1000 in donation

1935-39 ~ 1945 ~ 1947 ~1948 ~ 1950 ~ 1951 ~1953 ~ 1956 ~ 1958\* ~ 1959\* ~ 1961 ~ 1964  
1969 ~ 2004 ~ 2008\* ~ 2009\* ~ 2010\* ~ 2011\* ~ 2012 ~ 2013 ~ 2014 ~ 2015 ~ 2016

Current class-by-class breakdown of donations toward \$750 goal



**Alyssa Nunez '08**  
and  
**Dennis Pustelnik '69** in front of “Diamond Donor” Plaque in Alumni Hall during 2010 OLPH Open House.

1940.....\$415	<b>1962.....\$ 50</b>	1976.....\$ 80
1942.....\$120	<b>1963.....\$ 50</b>	1977.....\$155
1943.....\$150	1965.....\$450	<b>1978.....\$250</b>
1944.....\$ 15	1967.....\$200	1980.....\$100
<b>1946.....\$100</b>	1968.....\$100	1986.....\$100
1949.....\$125	1971.....\$120	1996.....\$ 80
1952.....\$225	1972.....\$100	1997.....\$100
<b>1955.....\$175</b>	1973.....\$230	<b>2005.....\$219</b>
<b>1960.....\$250</b>	1974.....\$140	<b>2006.....\$252</b>
	1975.....\$ 75	<b>2007.....\$372</b>

*Up to 12/31/10 — Changes since 6/30/10 in bold typeface*

**Mail Your Donation Today. Help Your Class Reach its \$750 Goal!**

**YES! I would like to be a Diamond Donor**

NAME (PLEASE PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is a check for \$750 for my personal diamond plate. I would like it to read:

Please accept my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ toward the class of \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN IN ENCLOSED DONATION ENVELOPE

# Rockin' Surfin' Safari

*Auction Dinner Dance*  
*~ Saturday, March 5, 2011 ~*

The Development Department of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School cordially invites you to join us for an evening of Dining and Socializing, along with Oral and Silent Auctions in OLPH Alumni Hall

6:30 PM Silent Auction with Hors d'oeuvres and No-Host Cocktail Bar  
8:00 PM Dinner Buffet followed by Oral Auction

*Dress Attire:*  
*'60's and Island Dress*

## **SUMPTUOUS POLYNESIAN DINNER BUFFET**

Meat, Chicken and Seafood

Salad, Vegetables, Rice, Dessert, Complimentary Wine

Vegetarian Combinations Available

## *Dancing to the live sounds of the 60's*

\$65 per person ~ Tables of 10 and 6 may be reserved.  
Cash raffle prizes will be announced during dinner. Need not be present to win!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

I/We are unable to attend. Please accept a donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: "OLPH Development"

Checks must be received no later than February 25, 2011 (SORRY, NO EXCEPTIONS)

No tickets will be mailed. Reservation list will be at the door.

Please complete this form and mail to: OLPH Auction Dinner  
80 Wellington Avenue  
Daly City, CA 94014

## **DONATIONS FOR THE AUCTION**

Would you like to make a non-monetary donation for the Silent or Oral Auctions?

Gift certificates, arts and crafts, food or service coupons, household items, wine and spirits, sports tickets, knick-knacks, gift baskets, memorabilia, cabin or condo for a weekend? If so, please contact the Development Department and arrange for a pick-up! *Tax letters will be issued.*

Items must be received by February 18th.

E-mail: EMah 1965@aol.com Call: Ed Mahoney (415) 215-5441 School (650) 755-4438

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# Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

## *Carrying On OLPH Tradition*



**December 7, 2010** As part of the OLPH Community Outreach Program, Grades 1 (Mrs. Lazalde) and 4 (Mrs. Axler) visited the residents of Home Sweet Home in Daly City and sang Christmas carols for them. The students also made wreaths and door hangers with Christmas greetings for the seniors.

## † IN MEMORIAM †

TOM MENICUCCI '55

*Brother of Allen '45,  
Mary '46, Grace '49,  
Carol '51 and Judy '52*

BARBARA FORD '42 PARODI

*Mother of Mike '63, Denise '65 and Ben '74*

WILLIAM MURRAY

*Father of Larry '65, Richard '67  
Ramona '69, and William, Jr. '80*

ANTONIO "JACK" BAUTISTA '53

GRACE CALCAGNO

*Mother-in-law of Mike Shea '61*

REGINA WARCHOT '42 RAPHAEL

*Sister of Louis Warchot '61*