

The Perpetual Light

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



A Matter of Principal By Bill Kovacich

After forty-five years as an educator, thirty-seven as principal in various schools, eleven years at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, I am ready to settle into some sort of retirement mode. I say “some sort” because although I will no longer be a paid employee, I will remain as a volunteer working with our faithful alumni in Development, with Fr. Villote and the parish staff, and with our Jr. High students as a producer and director of our school plays.

No administrator can succeed without a great deal of help and support. I thank the school faculty and staff, many I hired and some I inherited, but all were equally cooperative in working together with me to make OLPH a model school in the Archdiocese.

I thank all of the parents and parish staff for their cooperation, support and friendship. Meeting and working with our wonderful and active alumni has been a joy. After serving as administrator in four different schools, I can truly say that we have an outstanding community, both past and present, here at OLPH. I have been blessed with two pastors, Fr. Petilla and Fr. Villote, who believe in Catholic education and who fully supported me in my ministry. I give special thanks to my vice principal, Mrs. Sheila Ortega, who as my right hand woman, worked with me for eleven years and covered for me during my illness five years ago.

Finally, I am grateful for the close working relationship I shared this past year, with my co-principal, Mrs. Corrine Muscat. It is time for her to “run the show” and it is with great confidence that I hand over the reigns to her capable leadership.

My greatest joy has been in working with our wonderful, enthusiastic students—it is why teachers become teachers. You make us proud! Please keep in contact as it makes me happy to hear of your continued success. In the coming years, I look forward to working with the entire OLPH community in a different capacity and I thank God for your past and continued presence in my life.

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Principal's Perspective By Corrine Muscat

After one year as Co-Principal, I am eager to embark upon my first year as Principal of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School. At this time, however, I would like to pay tribute to the man who brought me here, Mr. William Kovacich. I met Bill in October of 2003. It became instantly clear that we shared a passion for education, specifically Catholic education. Serendipitously, he had just begun his job as principal at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School.

As the years went on I would “check in” about any possible vacancies at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School. As luck would have it, no one ever wanted to leave! Now it is so clear to me why. The school Bill has helped to create is a gift.

At long last, 7 years after I first met Bill, an opening arose at OLPH. In my 4 short years at OLPH I can say I have found my home. From the bottom of my heart, I give thanks to Bill for welcoming me into OLPH. Bill has given selflessly to our school and the community it serves. He has enhanced the staff, built enrollment, created alumni support, and supported our students academically, socially, and spiritually.

I feel immensely blessed to have been given this last year to work alongside Bill as Co-Principal. He has taught me, through his stellar example, what it is to be a leader.

As principal of OLPH this year, I have big shoes to fill. Luckily, Bill will continue to roam the halls of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School volunteering as Development Director.

“MR. K’S RETIREMENT”



Superintendent Maureen Huntington presents Bill Kovacich standing next to his wife, Roxanne, the NCEA Award for 45 years of service to Catholic Schools.

The Yumul sisters, Jassmine (OLPH '09) and Jamie-Lynn ('13) sing a song medley from past school plays at Mr. K's Retirement party.



OLPH Grads, holding masks, sing "Nobody Does It Better" in tribute to Mr. K.



Bill Kovacich, surrounded by many former staff members, at his Retirement Dinner in June.

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Such a cause is the OLPH Mahoney Family Scholarship, set up to aid the families of OLPH students in making their monthly tuition payments.

*We have included a Memorial Card in this edition of "Perpetual Light".
Please use it when you wish to remember a loved one. Simply follow these directions:*

- 1) Fill out the card with your (donor) name on the first line.
Place the name of the loved one on the "in memory of" line.
Address and mail this card to the bereaved.
- 2) Send us the donation remit envelope with the name of the deceased along with your donation.
We will send you a replacement card upon receipt of this donation.



Auction co-principals present Judy Crudo with a Golden Diploma



CLASS OF '64

Left foreground: Kathy Duffy, Judy Crudo, Linda Rowe Mannini, and John Ciernick

Right from back: Ken and Noelle Bianchi, Nancy Halloran, and Tom Duffy



CLASS OF '64

Left foreground: Milinda Maeso, Phil Kirby, Barbara and Rich Hall

Right from back: Steve and Wendy Gudelj, Nancy Kirby, and Louisa Malaspina

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Notes from past grads...

1959 Appropriately enough, they call themselves the 59ers. **BOB BERTOLINA** and **FR. JOE GORDON** have assembled a group of ten, or so, alumni from the OLPH Class of 1959 who have gathered several times for breakfast and reminiscing their grammar school memories from the past. They are planning another breakfast meeting in October. You can call school or go to Fr. Joe's email (revjaag@aol.com) if you are interested in participating with them.

1965 Fans of Giants announcers Kruk and Kuip may have heard them express their interest in broadcasting a future game from the beautiful yacht in McCovey Cove called "Just Dreaming". "They sure look like they're having fun," said Mike. "Yeah, I was just dreaming that we could broadcast a game from that yacht," replied Duane. As most of you who attend our auctions already know, "Just Dreaming" is the craft owned by our own Larry Murray, who generously donates a trip for 20 on the bay each year.

While we're on the topic, the **CLASS OF '65** will be celebrating its **GOLDEN JUBILEE** at the auction on **SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2015**. Call John Shea or email the Development Office (olphdc@yahoo.com) if you would like to participate and/or attend.

2005 Dalina Trejo, who worked as a teachers aide for several years at OLPH, completed her BA and teaching credential degrees in December and was hired as first grade teacher, replacing long time mentor, Amelia Axler, who was forced to go on disability as of April of this past semester. Welcome back, Dalina!

2006 LIZZY BILASANO visited our office in June along with **MICHELLE DIZON**. Liz lives in New York where she graduated with a double major in Marketing and Economics. She has served as the PR manager at Walter Steiger, worked in creative marketing at Sephora Headquarters and will be Administrative Director for a non-profit performing arts organization called Funkandmetry. Michelle is majoring in Biology at U.S.F., pursuing at degree in dentistry. She has coached at softball for three seasons and one season in varsity tennis at Mercy S.F.

2010 Kudos to ICA graduates **GISELLE MARSTON** who earned the honor of Valedictorian and **NIKKI PASAMIC** who was the Salutatorian at their high school graduation in June. Two other ICA grads, **ATHENA GONZALEZ** and **NAOMI ALVARADO** stopped by to say "Hi". Athena will be attending Chaminade University in Hawaii, majoring in Forensic Science while Naomi will attend UC Riverside with an interest in the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences. Two Jefferson High grads made good as **ERICK REYES** will be majoring in Civil engineering at Cal Poly Pomona and **CAMILLE GACOSCOS** was chosen as Salutatorian and will be attending UC Berkeley in the Fall. **MELISSA MARSTON** graduated from El Camino and will be majoring in Computer Science/Graphics at UC Davis.

ALUMNI: What's new in your life? People want to know!

Send all alumni announcements with your name and class to olphdc@yahoo.com.

Or call Bill Kovacich on his cell at (650) 437-3178

or leave a message at OLPH (650) 755-4438.

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“Shades of the Moonstone Diamond”

An the original play performed by the Jr. High members of OLPH School, it told the 200,000 year old history of the mythical diamond from Cavemen to the present time.



Performances always begin with a prayer.



Jeremy Perlas and Rodolph Guevarra play prehistoric men who discover the Moonstone Diamond.



Rebekah Estay, Kathleen Halaba and Leana Flores as Queens of the Mesopotamia, sing “Dancing Queen”.



Cary Cadwalader (Brandon Bolte on left in smoking jacket) plots with Dr. Hugh Mungo (Adjru DeLeon) and his mistress, Natasha, (Allyza Quimbao) to poison his sickly wife, Audrey (Roanne Herico).



The evil Lord Felonious, played by Miquel Mijares, joins in the plot to overthrow the good King Elvis (Marc Munda).

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Outstanding Awards at Graduation



Dan Duggan (far right), from Duggan's Serra Mortuary, presents the annual **Kindness Award** to **Alia Nunez** (center). The award includes a \$400 scholarship, an ICA sweatshirt and Giant's tickets for Alia and her parents (Michelle Corea '77 and Ruben) pictured with Pastor, Fr. Augusto Villote.



The **Fr. Petilla Community Service Award** being given to retiring principal, **William Kovacich**, standing between Fr. Augusto Villote and Corrine Muscat, Co-principal.



The three OLPH administrators with the **James Costello Service to Students** winner, **Mrs. Joan Waters**, who served the school for over ten years as a volunteer with the school board, the parent club and school dramatic arts volunteer.

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Mother of teacher, Tito Lugtu

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