

The Perpetual Light

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



Principal's Perspective By Katie Franco

What a wonderful start to the school year it has been and what an honor it is to share with all of our dedicated staff, parents, parishioners, and alumni all that is happening at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School. Each year, our school chooses a theme to guide us through the school year. This year's theme is "Life is a journey, and God is our guide." These past few months at OLPH have been part of my personal journey that I will treasure.

To start the year, the teachers all received new Mac laptops thanks to grant writing efforts by Mrs. Sheila Ortega. This has helped our teachers tremendously by being able to work with the latest and greatest in Apple technology. The Knights of Columbus repainted the lines on our hopscotch and handball area this summer. Our school fundraisers, including the Glow Run, Pasta Bingo Dinner, Class BBQ/Bake Sales and Christmas Boutique, have been a great success because of the support of

the parent and alumni communities.

The journey of this school year is almost halfway through, and I will continue to look to God for direction and encourage the students to do the same. With God, all things are possible. I am looking forward to meeting many of you at our Alumni Auction, Over the Rainbow on March 10th. See you then!

ALUMNI FUNDRAISER ~ "OVER THE RAINBOW" ~ SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018

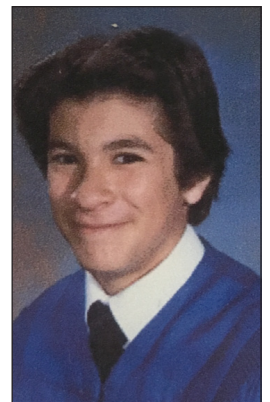
OLPH FAMILY SPOTLIGHT – THE CORREA – NUNEZ FAMILY



Gabe Correa, Sr. 1934-2017

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School has always been blessed to have families who, because of their love for OLPH, go above and beyond what is required of them, thereby ensuring the success of OLPH. I am proud to say that this remains true today. One family in particular, the Correa-Nunez family, has been associated with OLPH since the 70's when Gabe and Dianne Correa enrolled their three children Michelle ('77), Linda ('80) and David ('85). All 5 of Gabe and Dianne's grandchildren went on to attend OLPH as well. Michelle Correa and her husband, Ruben Nunez, enrolled their four children and David Correa enrolled his son at OLPH. Michelle and Ruben have both served on the school's Parent Board since its inception and have volunteered hundreds of hours of service to the school community. Ruben, an active member of the parish Knights

of Columbus, has been instrumental in forming a close relationship between this organization and the school by promoting contests for students and assisting in the maintenance of the school plant. The entire Correa-Nunez clan (grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles and children) regularly attend Pasta Bingo Night and the Alumni Auction. Upon the recent passing of Gabe Correa Sr., they designated OLPH School to be the recipient of donations in his name. Because of the love and respect for the Correa-Nunez family, numerous members of the Knights of Columbus, friends, and family members contributed in his honor. With the last member of the Nunez-Correa family graduating this June, we thank them for all that they have done for OLPH.



David Correa '85



Michelle Correa '77



Linda Correa '80

IN THE BEGINNING...

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

Part 2 of 3

Part 1 of “In The Beginning” was included in the Summer 2017 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. This was done to honor the primarily Irish and Italian communities during those years. A walk down Wellington Avenue today will reveal a polished cornerstone with the Latin words “ECCLESIA SANCTI MAXIMI, MCMXXV” (Church of Saint Maximus, 1925).

Once the Daly City Catholic community was formally independent of Holy Angels, Father Bertola moved the Sunday Masses and other Sacramental services from Ryan’s Hall to the larger though still inadequate second floor hall of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, located in a now demolished building at 6274 Mission Street. Finally, on April 5th, 1925, less than one month after the founding of St. Maximus Parish and barely one year after Bertola presented to Hanna his pastoral plan for Daly City, Archbishop Hanna appointed Father James P. Donohoe, 40, as the first pastor of St. Maximus. Born in Bogesky House, County Cavan, Ireland, Donohoe arrived in Daly City after serving 5 years in his first pastorate at St. Joseph Church, in the small Sacramento River delta town of Rio Vista. He apparently showed much promise during his studies at St. Patrick’s Seminary in Carlow, Ireland, and was chosen to spend one year after his 1909 ordination in Ireland to pursue graduate studies at St. Bernard Seminary, Rochester, New York, prior to his departure for San Francisco. Coincidentally, Archbishop Hanna, a native of Rochester, had once been a professor on the faculty of St. Bernard’s Seminary.

Father Donohoe’s first residence was a small 1900s wood frame house one block away from the church on Wellington Avenue, and he lived there until moving into the newly completed rectory adjacent to the church on August 15th, 1926, with his newly-assigned Assistant Father Luigi Sciocchetti. Donohoe soon set up all of the Sacramental activities that are a part of Catholic parish life. He began daily and weekend Masses, and officiated the sacraments of Baptism, Marriage, and Penance as needed. He guided the preparation of young people for First Holy Communion and Confirmation through the Catechism program, soon afterwards contractually entrusted to the Sisters of the Holy Family. He arranged the Archbishop’s biannual visits for the Sacrament of Confirmation, visited the sick and homebound for the Sacrament of the Sick (known for years as “the Last Rites”), and officiated at funeral rites and cemetery services. However, Donohoe recognized that Daly City’s residents, predominantly struggling truck farmers and laborers, were not affluent. Most families were young, and out of necessity he promptly developed numerous ongoing fundraisers that would not be overly burdensome to his parishioners – whist parties, bingo games, yearly parish festivals, religious articles sales, bake sales and Christmas boutiques, to name just a few examples -- in order to pay back to the Archdiocese the loan secured by Father Bertola for the building of the new church. In addition to this repayment, he also hoped that he could begin to keep the parish solvent. Regrettably, he apparently was only slightly successful in both addressing the loan and maintaining solvency.

**To be continued in the Summer 2018 edition of the Perpetual Light.*



Over the Rainbow

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School cordially invites you to join us for an evening of dining, socializing, auction, and fun! This year, following dinner, we will be honoring the OLPH Classes of '48, '58, '68, '78, '88 with diplomas!

2018 OLPH Dinner/ Auction *Saturday, March 10, 2018*

6:30 – Silent Auction with finger food and no-host bar

7:30 – Dinner by Esposto's catering: Spinach and Strawberry Salad, Chef Carved Roast Beef, Chicken Toscana, Cheese Tortellini, Sauteed Vegetables and Dessert

8:00 – Anniversary Diplomas awarded

8:15 – Live Auction, Trivia Fun and Pot of Gold Raffle

\$65 per person - Tables of 10 and 6 may be reserved.

Name: _____

For alumni please indicate Graduation Year _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Number in Party _____ x \$65 = Amount enclosed: _____

1 / We are unable to attend. Please accept a donation of \$_____

1 / We will be donating _____ for the auction.

(Donations for auction items greatly appreciated-gift cards, certificates, wine/spirits, sports memorabilia, housewares, jewelry)

Please make checks payable to: "OLPH Development"

Tickets will be reserved under your name at the door.

Please complete this form and mail it to:

OLPH Dinner

80 Wellington Avenue

Daly City, CA 94014

For questions or information contact:

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LOOK WHO'S NEW AT OLPH!



MS. EMMERLINE MARTINEZ – Ms. Martinez joined OLPH School last year as our long term substitute for the grade 2 classroom. Her love for OLPH was instantaneous as was her dedication to the students she serviced. This year we are proud to announce that Ms. Martinez has taken over as the Transitional Kindergarten / Kindergarten teacher. She has been a wonderful addition to the OLPH family. We are blessed to have her join our faculty!



MRS. PAULINE FLORES – OLPH School would like to welcome Mrs. Pauline Flores as our new grade 1 teacher! Mrs. Flores grew up in Daly City and has been involved with our OLPH parish her whole life. She comes to OLPH School with a wealth of knowledge and experience in both public and private education. She is an extraordinary teacher who provides the perfect balance of a disciplined but loving approach to learning.



MS. MEGHAN HIGSMITH – Upon graduating Summa Cum Laude from Flagler College with a degree in Elementary Education, Ms. Highsmith spent several years teaching abroad in both Chile and El Salvador. These experiences ignited a passion for teaching. Her love of learning and strong foundation of faith led her to seek employment in the San Francisco Archdiocese Department of Catholic Schools. OLPH School is lucky to have her on board as our enthusiastically dedicated 2nd grade teacher. Welcome Meghan!



MS. SHIRLEY GUILLOT-WILLIAMS – Ms. Guillot-Williams has joined OLPH School as our computer teacher twice a week in grades TK – 8. She has been an integral part of our technology team. Her experiences both in technology and as an educator have been valuable assets to OLPH School. She is working alongside Ms. Franco and Mrs. Muscat to enhance our technology program to ensure our students leave OLPH with advanced learning in the field of technology. Thank you Shirley!



MS. LORENA DELPOZO – OLPH School is proud to have partnered with IES Language Foundation for Spanish this year. Ms. DelPozo is our Spanish teacher in grades TK – 8. We are grateful for the partnership with IES and Lorena.

ARCHBISHOP CORDILEONE VISITS OLPH SCHOOL!

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and School had the privilege of welcoming the Most Reverend Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone to our parish and school over the weekend of November 4th-6th. Archbishop Cordileone enjoyed his time with the parish and at the school. After his visit, he sent us a letter thanking OLPH Parish and School for the great visit. Here are some of the things he had to say about our wonderful school. Thank you to all of the teachers and students for their participation in preparing for the Archbishop's visit. It was a great success!

“My visit ended on a high note with Mass with the school community and visit with the faculty followed by the visit to the classes. I was pleased with how energetic and attentive the students are, with all of them ready to answer my questions. Most of all, though, the students commented to me on what a strong sense of family and friendship the school community is to them. This tells me that you are fulfilling the vision of Catholic education in forming the whole person to fulfill that for which God has created them.”

–Most Reverend Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



DR. CARLA (CHAVEZ) TORRES ('87)

(written by Carla Torres)

I am a first-generation Latina born to immigrants from Chihuahua, México and Guayaquil, Ecuador. My parents enrolled me in OLPH when I entered 3rd grade. I attended OLPH from 3rd grade to 8th grade and put forth great effort to do my best at school. In 8th grade I was selected Valedictorian. On that day, I remember Mr. Costello, the principal at the time, telling me that I had to do something with my life or he would come and haunt me. He told me I had a lot to offer the world. His words remained in my heart and inspired me when I, myself, did not believe in myself. It's funny how the belief of others in you can make such a powerful impact. Years later, I was the first in my family to be a college graduate. I chose the path of professional educator and became multiple subject dual-immersion teacher. Later, I received my Masters in Educational Administration and Doctorate in Educational Leadership. I am now

in my 12th year as an educational administrator. Currently, I am a principal in Burlingame. I lead with the belief instilled in me many years ago by OLPH and Mr. Costello, that believing in the strengths of and supporting continuous learning in others will develop future leaders in our society.

CLASS OF 2007 REUNITES

After 10 years, OLPH Alumni of 2007 got together to celebrate Nikki Marie Roble's completion of her graduate program in Speech-Language Pathology and Farrah Regalado's completion of her Bachelors Degree in Kinesiology from California State University Sacramento on December 16, 2017. Adrienne Viray, Jena Noveras, and Ninah Solidum showed their support for their fellow OLPH alumni. Congrats, Farrah and Nikki!



GRADUATES FROM THE CLASS OF 1958 got together for lunch. The classmates are Charleen Maschinot Hurton, Ruth Shea Schroeder, Robert DeGroot, Terrance Irwin and Michael Stanley. They are accompanied by their spouses Pat Hurton, Nancy Stanley and Wilma Irwin.

Photo by: Charleen Maschinot Hurton

NICOLE KOH '11 is currently studying opera performance at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver. Nicole performed a beautiful rendition of Ave Maria at classmate Maya Thone's ('11) Memorial Mass. Her beautiful voice carried through the church rafters and not a dry eye was left in the church. We look forward to following Nicole's career in opera.





IN MEMORIAM



KATHLEEN (CARROLL) NIBBI – CLASS OF 1959 1945-2017

Kathy Nibbi was widely known for her generous spirit. She was deeply committed to giving back to her community. For more than 40 years, she was an active and enthusiastic member of the San Francisco Auxiliary to the Children's Hospital at Stanford. In addition, Kathleen (Carroll) Nibbi has been a long time supporter of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School. For many years, Kathy generously donated her owner's box Giants tickets for our annual OLPH School Alumni Auction, generating thousands of dollars in OLPH School scholarship money for needy families.



RICH HALL – CLASS OF 1964 1950-2017

Rich Hall and his wife Barbara (Senkir '64) Hall have been dedicated, active members of the OLPH School community since their attendance at our fine school in the late 50's and early 60's. Rich and his wife Barbara have regularly supported our OLPH School Alumni Auction since its inception. Over the years they have consistently been a source of support to our school community. Upon Rich's passing the school received multiple donations on his behalf. The outpouring of love is a true testament to Rich's warmth and kindness. His bright smile and enthusiastic spirit will be missed.



Maya Thone – Class of 2011 1997-2017

Maya Thone, winner of the Bud Duggan Kindness Award, tragically lost her life on December 26, 2017. After graduating OLPH, Maya attended Mercy High School, Burlingame. Upon graduation from Mercy, she enrolled in the nursing program at Dominican University. Her Memorial Mass was held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and was attended by numerous family members, friends, teachers and classmates. The outpouring of love was a beautiful reflection of the manner with which Maya lived her life; with a smile on her face and kindness in her heart. Maya's motto was "Be the reason to make someone smile today." Each and every person who knew Maya can testify that she lived that motto to the fullest.