## The Perpetual Light

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

A Matter of Principal By Bill Kovacich



Among my past experiences as a principal at different schools was my participation in several auction/ fundraisers. When I came to OLPH it was my plan to initiate such an activity at the school. With the hiring of Ed Mahoney and the leadership of staff members like Mary Lucett, Sheila Ortega, Sandee Chan and Terry Keller and with the help of enthusiastic parents, most recently Hanh Koh, Sindy Guardado, as well as Reuben and Michelle Nunez, the plan came to fruition. Our first auction/raffle in 2005, sold out with over 200 tickets purchased. Instead of financially strapped parents, our targets of support were friends and alumni of the school; and indeed, most of the attendees were school graduates from the '40's, 50's and 60's who have continued to support the auction annually.

In 2008, we began awarding Fifty-year Golden diplomas to the alumni celebrating the Golden anniversary of their 8th grade graduation. Last year, our Western-themed celebration drew over 180 attendees who brought in a record \$26,000 profit. Money earned over the past nine years has now

exceeded \$160,000 in gifts to the school. Half of this money has gone to family scholarships, while the rest has helped in the purchase of computers and other technology, paid for books and supplies, and even helped supply our sports teams with uniforms and equipment.

It's hard to believe that tuition in the '50's and 60's was between \$5 and \$7 per month per family. Today, families pay just over \$900 a month for two children, \$1,200 for three or more. Even families with one child pay \$500 per month and while we proudly advertise that this is the lowest Catholic School tuition in the county, you can easily understand that, even considering inflation, the sacrifice made by typical middle class Daly City families is probably the greatest it has ever been.

While we continue to teach and practice the same religious principles, instill the same morals and ideologies, and apply the same academic standards that all of you experienced at OLPH, the overall budget has risen substantially. It has always been our belief that the auction and raffle was a great way for alumni and other supporters to do their part for Catholic education. And as Mr. Ed, himself, always said, "Hey, Wilbur, it's more fun than a barrel full of monkeys!" So don't miss out on the fun and join us for our 10th anniversary, **An Evening in the Orient.** 

## An Evening In the Orient 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction Dinner Fundraiser Saturday, March 1, 2014

#### TEN YEARS OF AUCTION FUNDRAISING

This year, we celebrate ten years of fundraising excitement with our "Evening in the Orient" Auction Dinner. How many have you attended? All of them? None? Where have you been? Join in on the fun and make this your first.

- 2005 Homecoming Mazzafero Catering ~ Music and Dancing by Tibor and Yalena of "Gypsy Ensemble"
- 2006 LIGHTS, CAMERA, AUCTION Mazzafero Catering ~ Music and Dancing by Tibor and Yalena of "Gypsy Ensemble"
- 2007 NIGHT IN PARADISE Lidia's Italian Deli ~ Music and Dancing by Tibor and Yalena of "Gypsy Ensemble"
- 2008 DIAMOND JUBILEE Lidia's Italian Deli ~ Music and Dancing by Tibor and Yalena of "Gypsy Ensemble"
- 2009 Night of Friendship, Loyalty and Love (Irish Theme)

Lidia's Italian ~ Deli Music and Dancing by Tibor and Yalena of "Gypsy Ensemble"

- 2010 A NIGHT IN VEGAS Lidia's Italian Deli ~ Music and Dancing by Tibor and Yalena of "Gypsy Ensemble"
- 2011 ROCKIN' SURFIN' SAFARI Lidia's Italian Deli ~ Music and Dancing by Johnny B and the Speedshifters
- 2012 An Evening In Roma Lidia's Italian Deli ~ Music by Matt Helm as Dean Martin
- 2013 BONANZA AT THE OLPH CORRAL Outback Steakhouse ~ Music by Tibor and Yalena of "Gypsy Ensemble"
- 2014 AN EVENING IN THE ORIENT Fil-am Cuisine ~ Music by Tibor and Yalena of "Gypsy Ensemble"

#### OLPH CLASS OF 1956 THE "HEINZ 57 YEAR REUNION"

You've heard of 10 year Reunions, Silver and Golden Anniversaries, but do you know what a "Heinz Reunion" is? Referring to the famous Heinz Brand name, it means 57 years graduated. This summer the OLPH Class of '56 celebrated at Sinbad's Restaurant in San Francisco.



OLPH Class of 1956 Lois Lagomarsino Erasmy, Adrienne Arroyos Collins, John Mahoney, Jane Gruenwald-Eagen, John Strebel, Donna Viotti Brattesani, Don Cubic, Par Ricci Casey, Cecelia Druru Smith, Roy Cavellini, Dave Gehre, George Ambrosio









## An Evening in the Orient

## 10th Annual OLPH Alumni Auction Dinner

Saturday, March 1, 2014

The Development Department, Staff and parents of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School cordially invite you to join us for an evening of dining, music and socializing, along with Oral and Silent Auctions. This year, following dinner, we will be honoring the Class of 1964 with "Golden Diplomas".

6:30 - Silent Auction with finger food and No-Host Bar 7:45 - Dinner Buffet w/music by Gypsy Ensemble 8:30 - Class of 1964 Golden Diplomas 8:45 - Oral Auction & Raffle

Menu: Finger Food during Silent Auction with No-Host Bar Dinner Buffet includes: Salad, Pork and Chicken Skewers, Rice, Vegetable, Dessert, with dinner wine

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

Cash raffle prizes will be announced after the live auction. Need not be present to win!

Name		
Address		
Telephone	Email	
Number in Party	x \$65 = Amount Enclosed	I Graduation Year
I/We are u	anable to attend. Please accept a	donation of \$
N	Make check payable to: "OLPH	I Development"
Checks must be rec	eived no later than February 2	21st, 2014 (Sorry, No Exceptions)
Tic	kets will be reserved under your	name at the door.
Please c	omplete this form and mail to:	OLPH Auction Dinner 80 Wellington Avenue Daly City, CA 94014

For questions or information contact: Bill Kovacich olphdc@yahoo.com or call OLPH School at 650/755-4438

#### DONATING TO OLPH IS EASY AS A-B-C

- **A) MAHONEY FAMILY MEMORIAL FUND** Because we have received so many memorial donations in the past month, we thought you would appreciate a new set of cards for future donations. As a result, we have again included a Memorial Card in this edition of "Perpetual Light". Please save it to use 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 under the "in memory of" line. Address and mail this card to the bereaved.
  - 2) Send us the second card with the name of the deceased along with your donation. We will send you a replacement card upon receipt of this donation.
- **B) FERARRI BUILDING FUND** Use the same donor remittance envelope above, but mark the box for Mary Louise Ferrari Building. Lighting, heating, boiler, furniture and other capital improvements have been made due to the money collected from this fund.
- **C) ADOPT-A-STUDENT** Your monthly or one time donation goes directly to a needy family for one year. A donation as little as \$30 a month can save a family from being forced to leave the school.

## **DECEMBER DONATIONS**

Last month, we published the names of 80 donors who contributed over \$6,500 to various OLPH endeavors. Below are more donations totaling over \$4,500 received during the past month.

\$2,500

Golfing Friends of Jerry Senkir

\$500-\$1,000

Tita & John Mahoney

\$500

Andrew Ferrari Family\*

\$100-199

Carol McInerney Boers Michael Griffin Don Carlson Kathleen Archambeau Dan Mahoney Ron Schwab Darlene & Gerald Kennedy\* Maureen Hartnett Barry Ross Ed Aguirre '48 Sr. Rita Marie Kropp O.P.

\$50-99

Robert & Rita O'Connell Marianne Petroni Arlene and Steve Kirby

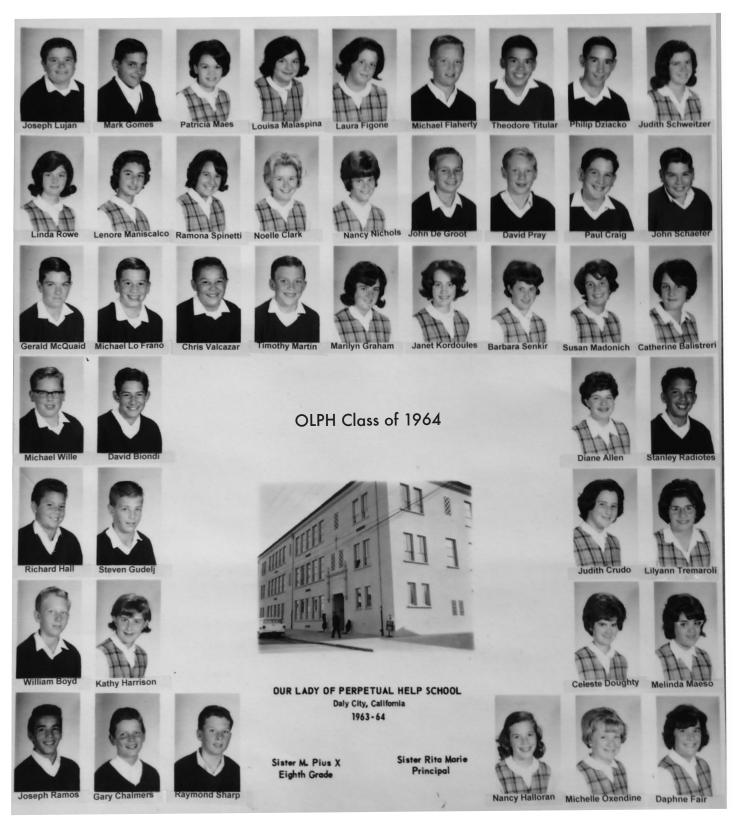
Thomas & Janice Moran Dennison Ada DePaoli\*\*

\$1-49

Chester & Araceli Cheung Joan Moran Biller Irene Walsh Edward Ciabattari James Kollmann Judy Martin Kathleen Burns Weatherwax Kevin Garvin DDS David Balestrieri '59 William & Mary Lewis Bill & Roxanne Kovacich\*\*

\* Ferrari Building Fund

\*\*Adopt-a-Student



## CLASS OF 1964 REUNION

Saturday, March 1, 2014 at our OLPH Auction Dinner

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## Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

# HELP! AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED!

Do you have a vacation home, sports tickets or memorabilia, valuable wine or gift certificates for our auction on March 1st?

Please call Bill Kovacich at OLPH (650) 755-4438 by Feb 28th.

Call anytime and leave a message with your contact information.

It is you who make our fundraiser a success!

### † IN MEMORIAM †

EDWARD MAHONEY '61

JERRY SENKIR '61

ARLENE REARDON FREITAS '47

GARY SCHWAB

MARINA CIABATTARI

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## LET US KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN DOING!

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