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1. How should the St. Mike’s graduating class receive their first Blue Banner as alumni?
   a. It should be mailed to them in the same manner as it is to all alumni.
   b. It should be handed out in homeroom on the last day of class.
   c. It should be presented in a special ceremony at the school by the Alumni Association president.
   d. It should be part of a larger alumni ‘welcome package’ put together for graduates.
   e. It doesn’t matter to me how new graduates receive a copy of the Blue Banner.

2. Should the first issue of the Blue Banner provided to new graduates have content specific to them?
   a. There should be content specific to the graduating class in every summer edition of the Blue Banner, but it should be the same content for all.
   b. There should be a special run of 200 copies with a different cover featuring the graduating class.
   c. There should be a special run of 200 copies with a different cover and welcome letters from the school president, Alumni Association president, and Blue Banner editor.
   d. It should be a completely different magazine geared entirely towards the graduating class.
   e. There should be no special content geared specifically towards the graduating class.

3. Is it important that a new issue of the Blue Banner is released just before Turkey Roll & Reunion so that it can be distributed to attendees?
   YES  NO

4. Should the Blue Banner publishing schedule be altered from the current November/June timeline to a new January/July timeline in order to allow us to better report on timely issues and events such as Turkey Roll & Reunion, the Spring Reunion & BBQ, and the Evans Tannis Alumni Soccer Showdown?
   YES  NO

5. Do you enjoy the special issues of the Blue Banner, such as the Memorial Cup Issue and the Legacy Families Issue?
   YES  NO

6. Would you be in favour of creating a third issue of the Blue Banner that focuses on a special topic, and is printed in a limited run to be distributed only at the Turkey Roll & Reunion, while still available to the alumni community online?
   YES  NO

7. How would you suggest the cost of a special third issue be covered?
   a. By shortening the two regular issues.
   b. By raising funds through advertising and sponsorship.
   c. By increasing the overall annual budget for the Blue Banner.
   d. I want a third issue, but am not sure how to pay for it.
   e. I don’t see a need for a third issue.

As part of our constant quest to provide you with the best Blue Banner possible, we have designed a survey to gather opinions on altering the distribution schedule of the magazine. Your participation is both important and appreciated. Please take some time to complete the survey online by visiting mybluebanner.com.
message from the president

And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. (Mark 15:17-19)

Dear St. Michael’s Alumni and Friends,

In the society and culture of their time, violence and cruelty were part of a day’s work for these Roman soldiers. Their jeers and taunts, along with the crown of thorns and the bloodstained purple robe, both broken symbols of royalty, fueled their mockery of this criminal because he did not object to being called a King. The soldiers had no interest in knowing who this ridiculous spectacle of a man was. They did not understand the meaning of what they were doing. But, irony of the moment, they were crowning and clothing Christ the King, they were whipping and scourging the Body of Christ, they were cursing and spitting on the face of God.

Two faithful members of our school community have been dressing this Body of Christ in their own beautiful ways for a combined 56 years. In his important roles as teacher, coach, and Director of Admissions, Greg Paolini has helped to build the strength of this Body by nurturing our students during their growth here into St. Michael’s Men. In his inspiring leadership of the Music Department, Paul Pietkiewicz has wrapped this Body in melody and rhythm, playing for us a tune that will always ring sweetly in our ears. St. Michael’s thanks both Greg and Paul for their many years of devoted service, and wishes them God’s richest blessings as they embark on fresh adventures and new delights in their retirement.

“For the apparel oft proclaims the man,” the Basilian Fathers, administration, faculty, and staff of St. Michael’s College School remain united in this common endeavor, for nothing fills our hearts with more gratitude and pride than witnessing our students laying the foundation for their lives in this school, clothed daily in tradition and history, and confidently proclaiming to the world their unique identity as St. Michael’s Men.


Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Jeffrey Mark Thompson, CSB ’79

President

alumni association message

Dear Alumni,

It’s hard to believe that yet another school year is ending. The 2015-16 year was a busy and exciting one for the Alumni Association. We saw old faces come back and new ones join us around the table in the Alumni Lounge. We cheered on our teams at Homecoming, laughed and reminisced at the Turkey Roll & Reunion, and most recently, reached out to our graduating class to discuss the importance of staying connected to the school. We fondly remember those who have left us, dearly miss them, and hope that we can guide and inspire our St. Michael’s community with their level of commitment and integrity.

Thanks to an energetic collaboration, I am pleased to be able to give you an update on the progress of our three main initiatives for the Alumni Association:

Mentoring Students and Graduates

We are pleased to announce that our first event is planned for August 17, so stay tuned! The Young Alumni Network will bring third and fourth year university students together for a casual night, where they will be able to connect with alumni from a variety of industries to discuss career-related topics. It is our plan to hold a couple of these events each year.

Reaching Out To Our Alumni

We continue to reach out to alumni through various events during the school year. Besides Homecoming and the Turkey Roll, we recently participated in the Big Blue Benefit. It was a great night filled with wonderful prizes, showcasing SMCS talent paired with food samplings from our local restaurants. The Spring Reunion and BBQ was also held recently. At this fabulous event we welcomed back the past ten years of graduates while enjoying a fun night of catching up with old friends and making new ones.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Marc Montemurro ’93, Josh Colle ’92, Romeo Milano ’80, Peter Thurtin ’81, Dennis Caponi Jr. ’80, Rob Grossi ’72, Paul Grossi ’69, Daniel Brennan ’70, John McCusker ’57, William Metzler ’65, John Bursiewicz ’59, Michael Duffy ’65, Ross Robertson ’64, William Rosewich ’57, Paul Thorton ’69, John S. Walsh ’58 †, Frank Thickett ’57, W. Frank Woneau ’53, Frank D’Innocente ’51, George Cormack ’49, Richard Wakeny ’54 †, Gordon Ashworth ’45 †, Peter D’Agostino ’38 †, G.J. McGee ’58 †, Paul McNamara ’40 †, Joseph Primeau ’28 †, Dick Foster ’30†.

Building Ties With The Parent Association

A solid partnership has been formed and we now have representatives who attend meetings for both associations, allowing us to expand communication and better promote SMCS. The Big Blue Benefit is a perfect example of this partnership.

As always, you can contact me to tell me what you like, don’t like, or what you want to see in the Blue Banner. Your comments are always welcome. I hope to see you at a school event in the near future.

God bless and have a safe and wonderful summer.

Frank Di Nino ’80
President SMCSAA
Dear Readers,

One of the most enjoyable initiatives of my time at the Blue Banner has been producing annual ‘special issues’ that enable us to delve deeper into a certain aspect of alumni life in the St. Michael's community. However, this has come at a cost. In dedicating so much space to one topic, we significantly decrease the number of pages available to cover the full spectrum of developments and events in the St. Michael’s alumni community.

This is the biggest challenge at the Blue Banner: fitting all the news about St. Mike’s alumni into two issues per year, in a timely and cost effective manner. While the generous donations we have received from advertisers over the past two years have enabled us to put out larger magazines, thereby covering more stories, the increased funding can not address the issue of timeliness.

Timeliness is an issue because our production schedule is not in sync with the major events in the alumni community. As an example, because of the desire to have copies of the latest Blue Banner available for distribution at the annual Turkey Roll & Reunion, we are not able to report on that event until six months later - with the result that we rarely do.

Cost effectiveness, timeliness, and space limitations, although they may seem like three different issues, are all part of the intertwined challenge of producing the best magazine possible. We are considering several such solutions, which could potentially represent a significant change in the way the Blue Banner is distributed.

As always, we feel it is important to consult with the St. Michael’s alumni community before implementing any new strategy. Accordingly we have created a survey to provide us with direction on our new direction. The survey, which is highlighted on the inside cover of this issue, can be found at mybluebanner.com. Please take the time to complete it and stay tuned to this space for further news on the future growth of the Blue Banner.

In the meantime, we’re happy to present another issue full of inspiring stories about your friends and classmates. In these pages you will learn more about our new(ish) Alumni Association President, Frank Di Nino ’80 (the st. michael's man, p.14), explore the progress and passings of many graduates both recent and not so recent (where are they now, p.22; in memoriam, p.26) and peruse pictures from recent events on campus (double-blue pictorial, p.18). You will also find a number of engaging articles submitted by former alumni, including John Maroney ’51 (the way we were, p.34), Dr. Joseph Mior ’67 (beyond the skates, p.13), Mario Calla ’76 (the syrian refugee effort, p.9), and Brandon Souza ’07 (words of wisdom, p.11).

Keep those articles coming, because the more you submit, the less I need to write!

Joyous reading!

Gavin Davidson ’93
Editor

Dear Editor,

After being a lost alumnus, I recently reconnected with the school when I called looking for information regarding the Turkey Roll & Reunion. I updated my information with the Alumni Affairs Office and was sent a few issues of the Blue Banner. I just wanted to thank you very much – it was wonderful to read through them. It was saddening that I have missed an awful lot of time and I shouldn’t have done that.

Mark Henderson ’78

Ed’s Reply: Great to have you back, Mark. Thanks for the kind words. No need to worry about lost time. We happen to have most back issues of the Banner and will be happy to send you (or anyone else) anything you missed.

Dear Editor,

I would like to bring it to your attention that the ‘in memoriam’ section of the Fall/Winter 2015 Banner that acknowledges the passing of Andrew Bellina ’86 on page 31 has incorrectly spelled his surname.

Thank you,

John Scalli ’86

Ed’s Reply: Thanks for the correction, John. It speaks to the closeness of the SMCS community that whenever something is missed there is an old friend standing by to set us straight. And I like that you blame the section itself for the mistake and not the editor!

Dear Editor,

I just saw the Blue Banner after a long time. I would like to be added to the mailing list. Please let me know.

Thanks,

Patrick Soden ’91

Ed’s Reply: Great to have you on board, Patrick. Consider this official notice that you have been added to the mailing list.

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your outstanding efforts as editor – not easy. I enjoyed your last issue on Dan Prendergast, OSM and the history of the Basilian Fathers at St. Michael’s. It was great to be reminded of some of the very good teachers that I experienced. I do hope you will do a follow up on the evolution of the number of lay teachers starting at the school in the early 1950s.

Mike Lavelle ’55

Ed’s Reply: I’d like to point out that these extremely kind words were actually written down on paper and sent to me at the school via Canada Post, Mike, you’re the man. You want an article on lay teachers in the 1950s? You got it!

We would also like to thank everybody who has provided us with names to add to the list of Basilians who have served the school since the Bathurst St. campus opened in 1950. While the list is still not complete, thanks to the addition of the following names, it is definitely more exhaustive.

Fr. Steven Barringer, CSB
Fr. Michael John Fallon, CSB
Fr. Gaigon, CSB
Fr. James Joseph Kelly, CSB
Fr. Edwinn Kline, CSB
Fr. Louis Bondy, CSB
Fr. Vincent Alton Pare, CSB
Fr. Maurice Pierce, CSB
Fr. Vince Rainsborough, CSB
Fr. Jim Rent, CSB
Fr. George Thompson, CSB
Fr. Joe Thompson, CSB

It’s not too late to add more names. If you have further additions, please contact Michael De Pellegrin ’94 at md@smcsmail.com or 416-653-3180 ext. 292.

Tradition passed from one generation to the next
Members of the Cattana family, spanning multiple generations, approached SMCS about the possibility of participating in the Bursary Programme. Edward ‘80 spoke to former St. Michael's Controller Gino Saccone ‘80 about his father Joseph V. ‘46’s long-time goal of continuing the family’s relationship with the school. This conversation acted as the catalyst for action.

Three generations of Cattana men came together to establish the Cattana Family Award: Joseph V., his sons, Edward and Robert ‘70 along with Edward’s sons, Thomas ‘06 and Joseph ‘13. The award recognizes a student athlete specifically from the Basketball and Track & Field programmes, who demonstrates the greatest team spirit. This award was presented for the very first time at the Athletic Banquet in June 2016.

When Edward first approached St. Michael’s with the idea of creating the award, he mentioned that it would be established in the family name by his father, brother, and himself. As the award was being set up, it was Robert who promoted the concept that both Thomas and Joseph should provide a nominal sum, as he “felt it was important to give back to the school that has helped shape us.”

Joseph echoed his brothers sentiments, “Many coaches and teachers strongly influenced my time at St. Mike’s, so when I was asked to contribute to the bursary, it was a no-brainer. The memories forged in the classroom, on the hardwood, and in the halls, will stick with me forever.”

The family continues to donate to the fund so the award can be expanded to include a student in the English Award for Composition that Joseph won in his final year at St. Michael’s and will be presented at future Academic Awards evenings.

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securing our future by giving back: the cattana family

Kimberley Bailey

After graduating from St. Michael’s, Mario Calla obtained his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Social Work degrees at the University of Toronto. He was then hired by the Catholic Children’s Aid Society of Toronto, where he worked in various positions for eleven years. In 1987, he was named executive director of COSTI Immigrant Services (formerly Centro Organizzativo Scuole Tecniche Italiane). COSTI is a community-based multicultural agency providing language training and settlement, employment, and social services to all immigrant communities and individuals in need of assistance.

COSTI was founded in 1952 by members of the Italian expat community to help Italian immigrants settle into their new home. For more than 60 years, COSTI has contributed to the social fabric not only of Toronto, but cities across the country. When Mario started at COSTI he led a team of 60 staff members working out of six locations. Today, there is a staff of 350 people, speaking 63 different languages, in 17 locations throughout the Greater Toronto Area.

Throughout his career at COSTI, Mario has worked alongside his St. Mike’s fellow alumni, with several filling volunteer leadership roles. Bruno M. Suppa ’55 serves as board president, Frank Mendicino ’67 is board secretary, Leo Sdao ’83 serves as vice president, while Robert Cazzola ’70 is the director of education and information technology, and Dominic Romano ’75 is the manager of language services. They all share with Mario a common goal and vision – contributing and enriching the Canadian experience for all by integrating immigrants into Canadian society as quickly as possible, so they become productive members of their community.

Mario immigrated to Canada in 1958, when he was eight years old. He recalls the uneasy adjustment, saying “it took a long time for me to feel comfortable. It was not just a new country for me; it was a new way of life, a new language, and a different culture. It was all so foreign, I felt like I didn’t belong. It took several years to overcome the culture shock and build my confidence. That experience influenced my work with newcomers.”

In planning and preparing for the arrival of more than 1,900 Syrian refugees to Toronto this year, Mario recalled a conversation that occurred more than 15 years ago. During the spring of 1999, Canada accepted 5,000 Kosovars. COSTI was the lead in welcoming them to, and settling them in, the Toronto area. The whole operation was a lesson in cooperation between multiple service agencies, made easier by the goodwill of the general public. Mario not only wanted to replicate this experience, he wanted to enhance it by engaging the corporate community and grassroots volunteer organizations eager to help Syrians arriving in Toronto.
Today, Mario welcomes new arrivals with memories of those early years when he first arrived. “Welcome to Canada and to COSTI. I hope your stay here will be comfortable. If there is anything we can do...” That was as far as Mario got before he noticed three of the Kosovar refugees who arrived at the Ralph Chiodo Family Immigrant Reception Centre had tears in their eyes. He realized that a simple greeting must have hit a strong emotional cord. “Here was a stranger welcoming them after they had been thrown out of their homes and their country by their neighbours.”

The Canadian government undertook a historic and massive initiative last November, with the objective of bringing in 25,000 Syrian refugees by the end of February. The complexity of the national project was such that military bases and cruise ships were considered as contingencies to accommodate the intensive arrival of newcomers. While the cruise ships were discounted early on, the military bases remained on standby. By March 1, the government had exceeded its target, as more than 26,000 refugees had arrived. The goal was achieved by using existing civilian infrastructure, including reception centres and hotels. Toronto was the largest single destination in the country, having received 1,900 of the newcomers, with COSTI responsible for their initial resettlement.

By the first week of May, all 1,900 had moved into their own homes. A key reason for the success of this initiative was the involvement and mobilization of grassroots organizations and individuals. Volunteer duties included interpreting, providing transportation to medical appointments, searching for homes, hosting medical appointments, and offering assistance with the ultimate beneficiaries of these effective services. Mario’s vision and passion as an advocate for newcomers has guided him throughout his career at COSTI. Engaging immigrants and building strong communities through the development of partnerships and innovative programming have been key to both the success of newcomers to Canada and COSTI. It will also be Mario’s legacy.

At another event, held at the Reception Centre, Mario helped hand out winter toques, mitts, and scarves that had been knitted by volunteers. Some of the knitters had left personal messages with the packages. A man came to Mario asking if he had the address of a particular knitter, as he wanted to send a thank you note. He showed Mario the card that had accompanied his toque. It read, “I have not knit in 40 years, but I thought that you were a good reason for me to start. I hope this keeps you warm. Welcome to Canada.”

His emotions run high as he recounts this story. “Imagine what this woman did, and what all the volunteers have done, extending their talent, their time, and goodwill to total strangers. That to me is the noblest of virtues. All 1,900 newcomers are safe and in their own homes because of everyone involved. No one person or organization is responsible. The community collectively achieved the remarkable goal of quickly providing safe and secure homes for the Syrian newcomers.”

While he is most proud of COSTI’s involvement with this latest resettlement effort, Mario is also proud of the organization’s work in resettling members of the Bosnian, Chinese, and African communities, and the establishment of the welcome centres in York Region – a partnership between five organizations. He believes that partnerships provide the opportunity to benefit from the best of what each organization has to offer, with newcomers the ultimate beneficiaries of these effective approaches to service.

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Bissonnette. “Gavin gave me a great amount of knowledge for getting my brand in front of the media,” shared He not only helped me develop a new name that would been born, and the previous name was terrible. “Before I met Gavin, Reputation Tower had not even programs in the United States: “Varney & Co.”, on Fox news. The show averages about 175,000 viewers story, and through his perseverance, landed a one-on-one interview with one of the top business news one interview with one of the top business news programs in the United States: “Varney & Co.”, on Fox News. The show averages about 175,000 viewers every weekday morning, putting Bissonnette in front of some of Wall Street’s most influential people.

“Before I met Gavin, Reputation Tower had not even been born, and the previous name was terrible. He not only helped me develop a new name that would resonate with my clients, he taught me effective strategies for getting my brand in front of the media,” shared Bissonnette. “Gavin gave me a great amount of knowledge in PR and marketing, which I applied to this venture and will use in future ones.”

Mentorship also has the potential to create a positive and lasting impact on how students view St. Michael’s College School after graduation. There are approximately 3,800 lost alumni, dating back to 1940. Mentoring is a great avenue to encourage alumni to remain connected with the school, and a great opportunity for alumni to participate in the St. Michael’s community in a rewarding and beneficial way. Students who work closely with an alumnus while in school are motivated to pay-it-forward and also become active alumni.

Davidson’s experience is a testament to the good that can come of alumni mentorship. “Personally, I had a lot of fun with it. Seeing Michael succeed made me both happy and proud,” he said. “Most importantly, through mentoring, you not only help one kid navigate the business world, you also make the school more attractive to prospective students.”

From Bissonnette’s perspective, “St. Mike’s is a great environment, with alumni in a broad range of careers and professions. My advice [to current students] would be to find an alumnus who specializes in the career you want to pursue and try to work with that person.”

THE ST. MICHAEL’S COLLEGE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION AND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ARE BRINGING A RENEWED FOCUS TO THE MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME, CONNECTING CURRENT STUDENTS WITH ALUMNI FROM A VARIETY OF INDUSTRIES AND EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUNDS.

Want to get involved?
If you’re interested in being an alumni mentor, contact Stephanie Nicholls at nicholls@smcsmail.com or 416-653-3180 ext. 273.

A little bit of background about myself to keep things in perspective.

I was born in northern Italy and came to Canada with my family in 1954. I started my schooling in Canada. Neither of my parents went beyond the first grade or learned to speak English. My two sisters were pulled from school at the end of Grade 7. The thinking of the time was that women really didn’t need much education since they would be married and be “looked after”. Fortunately for me, my dad was determined I should get a good education and not follow in his footsteps. For this encouragement I am eternally grateful.

One of the reasons I wanted to attend SMCS was because of its academic reputation. I was far from being a jock. I loved hockey and followed the NHL passionately - all six teams at that time. I could stand on skates, but athletic prowess was not part of my family upbringing.

When I got to St. Mike’s, I was excited especially by seeing the names of Red Kelly ’46, Tim Horton ’49, Frank Mahovlich ’57, and Dave Keon ’60 carved on the desks. I was also impressed by the Basilian Fathers who taught them and talked about sports with such passion. To be part of this environment felt so special.

Then reality set in - Phys Ed, basketball, and ice time (with quite a few falls). My reputation was made. I became the “browner” and was frequently made fun of. It was not always openly, but there was no doubt I really didn’t fit in. Forty-nine years later, I still vividly remember an incident in class where I was laughed at by everyone for my lack of athletic ability. The next four years were quite a challenge in survival. If it wasn’t for the support of several special Basilians, I would never have survived. Several of my friends didn’t, leaving St. Mike’s after Grade 10.

So what’s all this rambling about?
Let’s remember that St. Mike’s motto is ‘Teach Me Goodness, Discipline, and Knowledge’. The communications from St. Mike’s do, and should, take pride in the school’s athletic accomplishments, but should continue to keep in mind that a Catholic education goes beyond sports achievement.

How can this be done?
Alumni who have been positively impacted by their St. Mike’s education beyond the sports field must submit their stories to the Blue Banner to encourage current students. Just as importantly, I encourage current faculty to remember that they need to support all of their students regardless of athletic ability. As an educator myself, I am painfully aware of the negative impact we can have on students if we are not careful.

I just finished reading the latest issue of the Blue Banner. I was saddened to hear about the death of Dan Prendergast, OSM. Mr. Prendergast should be the role model for all of us. Although he was clearly immersed in athletics, I always remember his gentle pat on my back and kind words telling me that I was okay. Thank you, Mr. Prendergast.

So, to finish off, I encourage all St. Mike’s graduates to write in about their successes, whether or not they came on the sports field. Your profile may end up in the Blue Banner and be a motivating factor for others.
the st. michael’s man: frank di nino ’80

Frank Di Nino is the third man to hold the role of Alumni Association President since I began my term as Blue Banner editor. I had the privilege and good fortune of knowing the previous two gentlemen personally. Marc Montemurro ’93 is from the same graduating class as me. His previous involvement with student government, combined with his gregarious and inclusive personality, made him a natural for the position. Having volunteered on a couple of election campaigns for Mike Colle ’64, I knew politics was in the blood of Josh Colle ’92 - as he has since proven by becoming a well-regarded city councillor and, like his father, TTC Chairman.

Conversely, aside from having chatted with him briefly at various Alumni Association meetings and functions, I had little knowledge of Frank Di Nino, the man or the president. As such, I made it my mission to find out more about him, and to share those findings with Blue Banner readers. As my research began in earnest, it quickly became clear that Frank’s dedication to the school goes far past his current role as president. Furthermore, the area surrounding Dufferin and Lawrence, was the same as mine. Over a very interesting dinner shared with Frank and Giancarlo Mazzanti, Head of Guidance, it was revealed that Frank and I shared something else in common, both being graduates from St. Margaret’s Catholic School. It was a very revealing dinner, and not just about Frank – Jonathan Cardella ’93 that legendary Montreal trip would make a great submission for ‘the way we were’.

But, of course, Frank was much too modest to list the initiatives and accomplishments that led to his consideration and ultimate recognition as one of the Man of St. Michael’s. Luckily, Romeo Milano ’80, another graduate of the prestigious St. Margaret’s-to-St. Michael’s pipeline, was not so reticent to make the case for his lifelong friend.

“I met Frank in September 1972, when I moved to his neighbourhood and enrolled at St. Margaret’s. Frank was the first kid that came over to say hello and welcome me to the school. We have been close friends ever since. In fact, it was because of Frank that I applied to St. Mike’s. I followed his lead,” wrote Milano in an email. “Frank has always been a St. Michael’s man by the way he values and cherishes his family, his community, his friendships, and the professionalism and dedication he brings to his work. He has been a great mentor to many of his staff, helping them go on to further their careers and has been volunteering at St. Mike’s since 1995, when Fr. Mohan, CSB ’48 recruited him for the first Order of St. Michael Advisory Committee. Frank is steadfast in his beliefs and convictions, has a strong faith, is a great role model, and a loving father and husband who gives back to the community, and likes to have fun.”

“A real St. Michael’s man,” concluded Milano, and I couldn’t agree more.

Indeed, Frank has been “fully engaged”, as he puts it, with the school for many years, consistently volunteering at Homecoming, Turkey Roll, the Spring BBQ, and many other SMCS events. In taking on the role of president, Frank has ratcheted up his engagement level, as confirmed by Stephanie Nicholls of the Advancement Office.

“As president of the Alumni Association, Frank has demonstrated his love of St. Mike’s by partnering with the Parents’ Association so both groups can work together for the future of the school,” says Nicholls. “Frank also shows his passion and dedication to the alumni community by fostering and maintaining the mentorship programme, which encourages current students to become active alumni after graduation.”

This strong desire to be a part of, and give back to, the St. Mike’s community possibly originated around the Di Nino dinner table, when Frank was still attending St. Margaret’s. Frank’s parents are Sheila and Consiglio Di Nino ’13, Consiglio attended St. Mike’s for Grade 9 and 10, until he was forced to face, as Frank puts it, “the economic realities of a new immigrant family”. Like so many of his contemporaries, he left school early to go to work.

Over the years, Consiglio has continually proven his love for the school, while providing the St. Mike’s community with many benefits – not least of which being his son. His dedication was officially recognized in 2013, when the school presented him with an honorary diploma. This made the son as proud of the father as the father was of the son when Frank graduated in 1980.

Looking back at his graduation, Frank reflects that he left St. Mike’s not just with a diploma, but with “many tools that I continue to value in both my business and personal life”. He lists among them “compassion and empathy, the ability to think critically and decisively, and the courage to stand up for what you believe in”.

However, Consiglio always felt great affection for St. Mike’s and was determined Frank would attend for the duration. Frank’s sister, Karen, who is over a year younger, was sent to what was widely regarded at the time as SMCS’s sister school, Loreto Abbey. “I think I probably dated most of her Abbey friends,” jokes Frank.

Traits passed from one generation to the next

Tradition passed /from one generation to the next

Gavin Davidson ’93

Marc Consiglio

Jonathan Cardella

Consiglio Di Nino
He also left the yellow brick halls with warm feelings for all of his dedicated teachers, but he remembers Fr. Volpe, CSB ‘48 with particular fondness. “A truly remarkable man and one of the gentlest souls I have met. You could talk to him about anything and you always left feeling better about yourself,” Frank recalls. Math teacher Dave Smyth also left a strong impression. “I was barely passing and Dave could have written me off,” Frank relates. “But instead, he instilled such a love of math that I went on to earn my university degree in Mathematics.”

The majority of Frank’s heart and soul are given to his family. Married for the past 28 years to Suzanne Mercedez De Castro, whom he met at York University, the pair have two “amazing” children who are both employed in the television industry.

Like his St. Mike’s education, that degree has served Frank well. Immediately after graduating from York University, he entered the financial services industry. More than 30 years later, Di Nino is still in the same industry and still loving his work. Employed by a major bank, and having worked for many years primarily in the commercial lending arena, Frank now lends his considerable knowledge and talents to businesses that find themselves in distress, “trying to find ways to restructure and rehabilitate them”.

Leaving it to a St. Michael’s man to bring a little heart and soul to the much-maligned banking industry.

“Leave it to a St. Michael’s man to bring a little heart and soul to the much-maligned banking industry. The pin will certainly be seeing a fair bit of action while Frank completes his term as alumni association president. Asked about the focus and goals of his presidency, Frank is, as one would expect, clear and forthright.

“‘My term largely hinges on three key tenets: continuing to reach out to existing alumni through various events to ensure they remain close to the school for the long term; building alliances with the Parents’ Association; and leveraging opportunities to promote the SMCS community. I also feel it is very important to actively support our existing students and graduates in their schooling and careers, through mentoring and coaching.’

Mentoring and coaching the younger generation is definitely a theme near and dear to Di Nino’s heart. He feels it has played a large part in his own success. ‘Frank Di Nino please come down to the office to meet Fr. Fitzpatrick’. Oh my, you can imagine the terror racing through me. I was shaking walking down the hall. I sat waiting outside his office and, after a few minutes, was escorted in. Father looked up from his desk, reached over and, smiling, shook my hand. He then proceeded to give me my Honour Roll pin. I almost collapsed. I still have the pin and wear it to SMCS events.”

Frank’s time at St. Mike’s could itself be made into a television series, featuring, as it does, “so many incredible memories… from playing football (quite badly), to playing guitar in Fr. Zinger, CSB’s class and music in Clemente Grassi ’69 theatre productions, and performing at folk nights.”

In relating his most meaningful high school memory, Frank describes a mixture of fear and elation no doubt familiar to many alumni. “I was sitting in homeroom (Evans Tannis) listening to the announcements, when I heard ‘Frank Di Nino please come down to the office to meet Fr. Fitzpatrick’. Oh my, you can imagine the terror racing through me. I was shaking walking down the hall. I sat waiting outside his office and, after a few minutes, was escorted in. Father looked up from his desk, reached over and, smiling, shook my hand. He then proceeded to give me my Honour Roll pin. I almost collapsed. I still have the pin and wear it to SMCS events.”

In closing, I offer this description of Frank provided by fellow Alumni Association member, John P. O’Neill ’86. “Frank is by far one of the most genuine and caring people I know. He is always inclusive and selfless, and looks at every situation from both sides. He truly does try to walk in the other person’s shoes.”

Sounds much like someone we have all been inspired to follow. And it is, to my mind, a perfect description of the men we all aspire to be, true St. Michael’s Men.
class of ’66 celebrates 50 years!

Carlo De Pellegrin ’66, OSM with substantial critiquing by Don Bannan ’66

It was amazing to see classmates for the first time in 50 years. As sounds of ‘Hoikety Choik’ echoed through the Robert Campeau Lecture Hall, I was instantly taken back to 1966 and earlier years, as if it were yesterday, remembering pep rallies in the gym, hockey games in the arena, and parades down St. Clair Ave. on our way to arch rivals Del to beat them at football, pull down the posts, and party all the way back.

Late last summer, I heard that the 50th anniversary was to be acknowledged at the annual Turkey Roll & Reunion, but that was not good as I spend winters in Mexico and would not be able to attend. I wanted to reconnect with these guys, so I volunteered a couple of classmates to help out, asked the school for some support, and soon had what seemed like a great organizing committee.

A marvelous group of alumni, some family, friends, and wonderful teachers, gathered on Saturday, May 14.

We began our reunion with a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist in the Chapel. It was truly special to have our classmate Fr. John Malo, CSB (who doesn’t look a day over 50), celebrate Mass for us. Co-celebrating with Fr. John was a former teacher, Fr. Jim Carruthers, CSB (who claims to be 81 years old but looks younger than some of us) and Fr. Jeff Thompson, CSB ’79 (who, in Don Bannan’s opinion, was very pleased with our fun and enthusiasm).

During his homily Fr. John reminded us that it was more important to ask who we are, not what we are! I think his intention was significantly different than what I did for the hour or so after Mass - wandering around the pre-dinner reception asking almost everyone I saw, “who are you?” Apologies Fr. John, but my question was not the deeply spiritual one. I really wanted to know who was the slightly heavier, slightly balder person I thought I knew!

Some very special teachers joined us during the reunion: Fr. Jim Carruthers, CSB, Hugh McDougall, Paul Dignan ’59, Pat Fremeau ’58, and Joe Younder ’56. All were young men when they endured us as they begin their careers. They shared stories filled with humour and respect for us. Yes, those days were filled with some terrific memories. One common thread prevailed. These teachers were not much older than ourselves, one chapter ahead, but we all learned together the lesson of goodness, discipline, and knowledge.

The evening was also to include a planned tour of the facilities. However, that didn’t materialize, as we were more interested in reacquainting and telling stories. What an absolute pleasure it was to reconnect with so many classmates that I shared five years of my life with so very long ago - doctors, professors, teachers, lawyers, entrepreneurs, accountants, and even a Basilian priest.

We all had a common advantage. We all experienced a Basilian education that taught us bonitatum, disiplinum, et scientium - for the uninitiated, goodness, discipline, and knowledge. How lucky we were. How lucky we are. Not only did we experience the benefit of this Basilian mission, but we survived long enough to reconnect fifty years later.

Some of our classmates did not. For those who are reading this and were not able to join us, the following classmates have passed away since our graduation:

Edward C. Buckman
Gerard J. Geddes
Thomas Greco
Richard Jarezonek
William M. Martin
John W. May
Gerald J. Murray
Peter W. O’Rourke
John Pilot
Paul Rackham
Thomas G. Regan
Richard Rogacki
Paul Thompson
Gordon R. Wilton

For the alumni from 1966, we are now planning the 55-year reunion! For those from other years, make an effort to celebrate the significant anniversaries and reconnect with classmates and the school.

By the way, things haven’t changed much in 50 years. Yes, there are a few new facilities, however the yellow and brown tile in the hallways are still there and looking brand new, as are the yellow bricks!
where are they now

Lucas Battista '16, defensive back for the Varsity Kerry Blues, has committed to the University of Toronto, where he will join the U of T Varsity Blues. Lucas is a two-year Junior and Varsity starter for the Kerry Blues, a Junior CISAA (Canadian Independent Schools Athletics Association) champion, and a member of the GTA All Stars.

Justin Searle '16, defensive back for the Varsity Kerry Blues, has committed to St. Francis Xavier University, where he joins the X-Men. Justin is a two-year Junior and Varsity starter for the Kerry Blues, a Junior CISAA champion. He has competed in the International Bowl, Border Bowl, and Spalding Cup, and plays on the GTA All Stars, and Team Ontario.

A.J. Bimm '16 has signed a letter of intent to further his track and academic career at the University of Toronto.

Cody Dunn '16, offensive lineman for the Varsity Kerry Blues, has committed to McGill University, where he joins the Redmen. Cody is a two-year Junior and Varsity Kerry Blues starter, a Junior CISAA champion, and he plays on the GTA All Stars football team.

Mark Paolini '16 has committed to joining the Princeton University Tigers hockey programme for the 2017 season. Paolini entered St. Michael's College School in Grade 7 and has been an Honour Roll student every year, receiving the Basilian Book Award three times for maintaining an academic average greater than 90 per cent. The 18-year-old multi-sport athlete not only played U14, Junior, and Varsity Hockey, but is also an accomplished lacrosse player and member of the defending OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations) Lacrosse Championship team. This year, Mark joined the St. Michael’s Buccaneers, quickly proving to be a valuable contributor for the Jr. A team. He led Buccaneers defensemen in scoring, with 25 points in 50 games, including 23 assists.

Justin Knight '14 was selected as the Syracuse University Orange Best Male Athlete of 2015. Chosen from four worthy finalists, Knight had two All-American honors, and an Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Performer of the Year award on his 2015 resume. In January 2015, Knight ran a sub-four-minute mile, setting a Canadian Junior record with a time of 3:59.57.

Knights placed 25th in the Junior Men's race at the IAAF (International Amateur Athletic Federation) World Cross Country Championships in China. It was the best Canadian finish in more than a decade. He then started the 2015 outdoor track season by breaking the Syracuse school record in the 1500m at the Virginia Challenge, with a time of 3:39.66.

Knight turned in his best performance of the season in the 5000m at the Payton Jordan Invitational. His time of 13:34.86 set Syracuse and Canadian Junior records, which had stood since 1982 and 1962 respectively. Knight's first ACC title, won in the 1500m race at the ACC Outdoor Championships, propelled him to another level. He finished 6th in the 5000m at the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) Outdoor Track and Field Championship, and earned the first All-American honors of his career.

This past cross country season saw Knight deliver on the high expectations put on his shoulders. He led the Orange at each meet, with two 1st-place finishes (Battle in Beantown and NCAA Northeast Regional), two 2nd-place finishes (Wisconsin Adidas Invitational and ACC Indoor Championships), and a 4th-place finish at the NCAA Championships. Knight was the key to delivering the Orange’s first NCAA Cross Country title since 1951. He earned All-American honors, and was named the ACC Cross Country Runner of the Year.

Joe Jackson '10 has been signed to play for Drogheda United of the Irish First Division. Jackson signed for the soccer club, known as the Seagulls or the Boynesiders, for their pre-season programme. Jackson played soccer in the United States prior to arriving in Ireland. The centre-back has been tasked with adding depth to the club’s defense ahead of their bid to gain promotion to the Irish Premier League. Following Jackson’s signing, Drogheda United manager Pete Mahon said, “Joe has been training with us for the last few weeks. Since then, he has impressed us greatly, culminating in a very solid performance against Cork City. Joe is a commanding centre-back and will be a big presence for us.”

Malcolm Duvivier ’13, an Oregon State men’s basketball student-athlete, was named to the Pac-12 All-Academic Second Team. Duvivier, a junior, earned Pac-12 All-Academic honours for the second straight year with a 3.11 GPA in Business Finance. He received an honourable mention last year. A 6.2” guard, Duvivier started all 32 games, averaging 6.1 points, 2.4 rebounds and 2.2 assists. He helped the Beavers reach the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1990 and hasn’t missed a game in his three-year Oregon State career. Last summer, Duvivier went to the Dominican Republic as part of the Beavers Without Borders International Service Learning Program. He was also selected to the Pac-12 Student-Athlete Leadership Team this past October.

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Ryan McClelland ’14 was named McGill University Athlete of the Week for the period ending February 28. The 19-year-old member of the men’s track team and civil engineering sophomore helped the relay squad break both Québec and McGill records, while winning four medals at the RSEQ (Le Relais du sport étudiant du Québec) Championships. A middle distance specialist, McClelland guided the 4x200m and 4x400m relay teams to gold medals, in times of 1:28.45 and 3:14.98 respectively. The latter time bettered the previous RSEQ record of 3:16.11, as well as the school record of 3:17.83. McClelland also won Silver in the 300m with a time of 34.56, and Bronze in the 600m with a time of 1:20.65.

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Davide Di Iulio ’03 married Dolores Goizueta in Miami, Florida on December 12, 2015.

Mike Labinjo ’99 and O.J. Santiago ’93 were each awarded golden footballs by the NFL, which were received by St. Michael’s College School as part of the Super Bowl High School Honor Roll. On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Super Bowl, the league celebrated coaches and players of the past 49 championship games, along with their high schools, and the communities that have positively impacted the game. Nearly 3,000 players and coaches, and more than 2,000 high schools were recognized.

Kurt Downes ’97, an assistant Track and Field coach at the University of Windsor, was named to the Canadian coaching staff for the 2016 IAAF World Junior Championships. Downes will serve as the Jumps and Combined Events Coach at the July 2016 event.

David Di Salle ’96 forged many lasting friendships and memories, on and off the ice, while at St. Mike’s. He is excited to share happy news with the many alumni, teachers, and coaches who had such a wonderful impact on his life. David and Jenny Lee are proud to announce their marriage this past July 2015. David and Jenny teach with the Toronto District School Board, are passionate travellers, and call Richmond Hill home.

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Alex Vernon ’94 has been named director of the Immigration Clinic at Detroit Mercy Law, where he joined the faculty in June 2015. "I came here to be part of an institution with a strong commitment to experiential education, and where the Jesuit and Mercy traditions emphasize a holistic education," Vernon says. "We talk about ‘educating the complete lawyer’, and being men and women for others. I’ve always been impressed by the impact Detroit Mercy Law graduates have had locally, nationally, and internationally, and I look forward to seeing what our students will accomplish."

It was the problem-solving aspect of the law that originally drew Vernon to the legal profession. “I enjoy being a problem solver,” he says. “When people despair that something can’t be done, I enjoy the challenge of finding a way, provided the goal is worthwhile. Helping people solve problems worth solving, I was interested in being one.

An immigrant from Jamaica, first to Canada, and then to the United States, Vernon has always enjoyed interacting with people from other countries and cultures. Vernon earned his undergraduate degree in Political Science, with Honours, from the University of Toronto, and his law degree from Ave Maria School of Law (AMSL) in Ann Arbor. While there, he gained extensive clinical experience practicing before the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service Court and the Detroit Immigration Court - experience highlighted by successful asylum claims and battered spouse self-petitions. Active at the Asylum and Immigration Rights Clinic during his time as a student at AMSL, Vernon also served as president of the Lex Vitae Society and earned the St. Ives Medallion for defense of the Catholic moral and social order. He is a past president of the Ave Maria School of Law Alumni Association.

While in law school, Vernon married his wife Carole, who is from Wisconsin, and decided to settle in Windsor, Ontario, “to be within reach of both of our families”. After practicing with Detroit-area immigration law firms for six years, he and his family spent four years in South-west Florida, where he ran the immigration law clinic at AMSL. “We cherish our time there, but are glad to be home,” he says. Vernon and his wife have five children ranging in age from a newborn to age 10.

With files from: http://www.legalnews.com

Chris Zownir ’92 has taken Cuffwear by Chris Zownir to the runway – the airport runway that is. Currently, Cuffwear is sold at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, with more vending machines coming to Atlanta International Airport. Zownir says the thing he’s most excited about is “seeing people’s reactions to the machines”. He hopes to have 25 machines in U.S. airports by the end of the year, with Canadian airports to follow. Cuffwear is the first menswear accessories label to have items featured in airport vending machines.

With files from: http://www.magazine.vaneairport.com

Mike Fortier ’93 was named to the Lexpert Ranked Lawyers for Leading Canadian Lawyers in Global Mining. Michael currently works at Torys LLP, where he focuses on environmental and Aboriginal law aspects of finance, and mergers and acquisitions, as well as project development.

While authentic Italian cuisine is not new to the Toronto market, Di Donato contends it is a key differentiator in the United States. “American Italian food is not authentic Italian. There are no giant meatballs on our menu, no sugar in our tomato sauce. Our brand is about fresh, quality ingredients. The pasta station is open to the customer, who can see their pappardelle being made from scratch. Prosciutto is sliced for you when you order it,” he explained. “We’ve established ourselves in Miami. I think we can do that in every major city.”

With files from: http://business.financialpost.com
Frank Buckley ‘44, died peacefully in February 2016, aged 94, and made those words famous as one of Canada’s most recognizable pitchmen, starting in the 1980s. His folksy manner and wry acknowledgement of his product’s offensive taste made him a household name, and lifted sales of the cough syrup his father, William Knapp Buckley, a pharmacist, invented nearly 100 years ago. He was such a natural salesman, in fact, that when his ad agency would quiz people in focus groups, the majority believed he was a fictional character. There was no Frank Buckley, they thought. Certainly the plainspoken grandpa type must be an actor.

The very real Mr. Buckley was born in Toronto in 1921, one year before his father founded W.K. Buckley Ltd. to sell his cough syrup. W.K. put his face on early print ads promising a money-back guarantee to mothers who purchased his remedies. In old radio ads, W.K. also acknowledged the cough syrup’s “brisk” taste. Frank joined the company after returning from World War II, during which he served as a fighter pilot with the Royal Navy’s Fleet Air Arm. He began as a salesman, promoting the product to general stores and pharmacies, before moving into management. He took over as president after W.K.’s death in 1978.

Buckley’s was a somewhat tired brand at the time, said Mr. Buckley’s business partner and part owner of the company when it was sold. Having always worked for himself, Mr. Buckley was unafraid to express an opinion. He was known around the office for wearing a white lab coat — standard issue in the factory, but not so much around the corporate headquarters.

“He was his own man,” Mr. Meehan said. Mr. Buckley was married to his late wife Shirley for more than 60 years, and had one son, Donald, who recalls his father’s love of jazz music, sense of humour, and tolerance during car trips, when Donald was learning to play the drums and would knock his sticks around the car interior to practice. “I have low vision and I was able to do a lot of things with his encouragement,” Donald said.

Mr. Buckley died during an afternoon nap, nine years to the day after his wife passed away.

With files from: Frank Buckley, famous Canadian pitchman, dies at 94 - by Susan Krashinsky, Globe and Mail, February 2, 2016

"One of the things my dad impressed upon me, was that the number one feature of marketing was personal contact,” Mr. Buckley said in an interview with The Globe and Mail in 2011, when he was inducted into the Marketing Hall of Legends in Canada. “If you saw the commercial, it was just me.”

The company was acquired by Swiss pharmaceutical giant Novartis AG in 2002, which stipulated Mr. Buckley be available to work as a spokesman for five years after the deal. His forthright manner was evident off-screen as well, said John Meehan ’64, Mr. Buckley’s business partner and part owner of the company when it was sold. Having always worked for himself, Mr. Buckley was unafraid to express an opinion. He was known around the office for wearing a white lab coat — standard issue in the factory, but not so much around the corporate headquarters.

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Philip Bartlett MacDonald ‘43 died on December 25, 2015, at his daughter’s home in Port Perry, after facing multiple cancers with his characteristic faith, optimism, and grace. Philip was born in Hamilton, Ontario on December 8, 1924, the same day as his late wife Patricia. Philip was a 1955 graduate of Osgoode Hall Law School, co-founder of York Trust, executive vice president of British International Finance (Canada), and president of Scarboro Finance & Simcoe Retail Acceptance. Philip was a pioneer in creating strip bonds and was also active in federal politics as a campaign manager. He thoroughly enjoyed many years as an active member of his cricket club.

Loving father of Catherine, John, Peter, Philip, Michael, Michele, and Andrew, and caring grandfather of Emily, Helen, Marisa, David, Madeleine, Thompson, Rebecca, Christopher, Sean, Camryn, Michael, Charlotte, and Georgia, Philip was the beloved brother of Joan Fitzpatrick and Dr. Frances MacDonald, as well as uncle to 21 nieces and nephews. Predeceased by parents Joseph and Irene, brothers Joseph and William, and sisters Margaret, Mary, Jane, and Dorothy, Philip will be deeply missed by his family and his many friends.

"It tastes awful. And it works."
enjoyed many happy times.

Club for more than 47 years, he served as a director sway Council 3387. A member of Markland Wood Golf

Knights of Columbus, and long-time Secretary of King-

ShareLife committee. He was a daily attendee at Mass

member of the parish council, a member of the finance

he attended for almost 50 years. He served as a

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both the 1946 and 1947 St. Michael's Majors Memorial Cup-winning teams. He played for the Toronto Maple Leafs from 1951-59, sporting the ‘A’ for his last few seasons. After his NHL career, Rudy went on to play

and coach in the AHL and other minor leagues. He finished his career by scouting for the Buffalo Sabres for 25 years, many as their head scout. He was

induced into the Buffalo Sabres Hall of Fame in 2004, and retired in 2005, at the age of 75. Rudy was also a

proud inductee of the Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame. Rudy was never boastful of his athletic achievements, but was always proudest of his wife and

children. Baptized, confirmed, and married at St. Peter's

Roman Catholic Church, Rudy’s faith guided him in all he did.

Joseph McBride ‘48 died peace-

fully at St. Joseph’s Health Centre, on March 12, 2015, at the age of 85. Joseph was the beloved

husband of Kathleen (deceased), loving father of Michael ’75, Tim, Pat, Paula, and Suzanne, proud

grandfather of Joseph ‘06, Marie, Adam, Christopher, Mitchell, Mathew, Collin, Brendan, and Ian, and
dear brother of Paul ’53, Joan, and Anne. Joseph was the founder and senior partner of the

Etoibcokie law firm McBride Wallace Laurence & Cord LLP. He was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1955, appointed as Queen’s Counsel in 1979, and was a lifetime member of the Law Society of Upper Canada. He took great pride and satisfaction in serving so many
great clients and friends in a dedicated and caring manner for almost 60 years. He was one of the found-

ing parishioners of St. Clement Catholic Church, which he attended for almost 50 years. He served as a

member of the parish council, a member of the finance committee, Eucharistic minister, lector, and chair of the

ShareLife committee. He was a daily attendee at Mass for many years, a former 4th Degree member of the

Knights of Columbus, and long-time Secretary of King-

sway Council 3387. A member of Markland Wood Golf

Club for more than 47 years, he served as a director and

on various committees. A resident of the Markland

Wood area since 1966, Joe had many good friends and

enjoyed many happy times.

Ian Gerard McAllister ’50 died suddenly on February 18, 2015. A loving husband and father, Ian was predeceased by his wife Sheila

and is survived by his wife Jennie, his children Michael, Myrna, and Kevin, his very beloved grandchil-

dren, and his stepchildren Sandra, Gordon, and Allison. Ian was a very thoughtful and kind man, who generously volunteered

time to the church and to a veterans hospital.

Rev. Dr. Joseph Patrick Houlton

‘51 of Clear Lake, Ontario died peacefully in his 84th year, on December 10, 2015, with his wife of 59 years by his side at Fairhaven Home in Peterborough. Joe will be remembered by many as a wonder-

ful chiropractor. He began his practice in Toronto in 1956, before

moving it to King, where he practiced for many years. He was a pioneer of holistic health care and made many

friends lecturing and teaching around the world. His influence on the profession will be remembered for

many years to come. Joe was also a spiritual leader to

many through his ministry with the Society of Emissaries. He

was predeceased by his brother, John Carrick (deceased),

and dear brother of Catherine, Theresa, and Kevin, devoted grandfather of Margaret (deceased), was surrounded by his loving

family when he died. Michael enjoyed streetcars, trains, baseball, and his dog Gracie, but nothing was more important to him than the love he had for his family. He lived his faith daily, and was a proud member of the

Knights of Columbus Council 5860 and a member of the Fourth Degree Bishop Farrell Assembly.

Leo Anthony McArthur ’55 died peacefully at his home, surrounded by family, on January 11, 2016, after a
difficult illness which he fought tenaciously and courageously. He will be forever associated with

Miller Paving and MacAsphalt Indus-

tries. The companies, founded with his partner, John Carrick (deceased), have remained family owned enterprises. Leo, a giant in the industry, was among the first rank of Canadian entre-
preneurs of his generation. His career was characterized by

hard work, solid integrity, and passionate commit-

tment to all Miller’s employees.

Born in Owen Sound, Leo was the youngest of eight

children. With the strong support of his family, he left

home to attend St. Michael’s, and later went on to the

University of Windsor. Having spent some time working

with John Carrick at Imperial Oil, they decided in 1970 to

branch out on their own. MacAsphalt Industries was born on

a shoestring budget. In 1976 they purchased Miller Paving Limited and gradually increased their reach

across Canada and into the southern United States.

Leo believed in sharing his success with the communi-
ties he served. Among the initiatives he supported were the Julie McArthur Regional Recreation Center, in

Owen Sound, the York Regional Police Annual Dinner, and the Ontario Road Builders’ Association, of which he was president.

Leo leaves his wife of 56 years, Helen, son Blair,
dughter Shawneen, and four grandchildren.

Michael Noonan (50-52) CPA,

came peacefully on October 22, 2015, at St. Joseph’s Hospital. Brother of Robert (50-53) and

Richard ‘61, and father-in-law to

Steve Bienkowski ‘79, Michael had his own accounting practice for more than 25 years and

immensely enjoyed working with his clients. The loving husband of Elaine, father of Catherine, Theresa, and Kevin, devoted grandfather of Zachary, Garie, Joe, and Madeline, and dear brother of

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A Funeral Mass was held for Leo McArthur ’55 at St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church in Wood-

bridge on January 21. The Celebrant was Rev. Michael Martell, O.S.A., a family friend. The eulogist was Leo’s long-time friend Monsignor John Weber ’55, with fellow alumnus Deacon Alf Stong ’58 assisting in the service. Here, Leo is fondly remembered by Dick Duff ’55, OSM, Jim Gregory ’55, Stan MacLellan ’55, Pat Young ’55, and Tom Micallef ’56.

Leo was the kind of guy who when he reached for your hand, he touched your heart. Tom Micallef, a long-time friend, says he was an “amazing man, always there for anything related to St. Michael’s. He would annually open the golf course he owned to the aging grads of the 1950s who always appreciated his friendship and sharing”. Fellow St. Mike’s boarders Pat Young, Stan MacLellan, Dick Duff, and Jim Gregory, who have remained friends, fondly recall Leo as a devoted family man possessing a strong faith, and an excellent

manager in his business dealings with staff across the country. Gregory remembers the bond his son, David, made in high school with Leo’s son, Blair. “Leo kept his St. Mike’s family close to him. You can search the country over to find such a giving person as Leo, who worked diligently to help others in need.” One story has it that Leo, when travelling on the road, would often stop and give one of his drivers $20 for driving a clean truck. MacLellan and Young tell the story of when Eddie Kosiba ’55 died in Sault Ste. Marie, Leo took time out of his busy sched-

ule, flying there and back to attend the service. “Such was Leo, not only dedicated to his family

and business, but to the personal support of his friends - a true man for others.”
Gerald Bolton '56 died on May 4, 2015, in his 77th year. Beloved husband of Shirley, cherished father to Kathleen and David, and grandfather to Adam and Fiona. He will be missed by his siblings Lilian, Doug, and their families. Gerry was a devoted member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church and a teacher for the Toronto Catholic District School Board for many years until his retirement in 1995.

Bruce Keenan ’58 died peacefully on March 28, 2011, surrounded by family. Beloved husband of Bonnie, father of David and Rose, father-in-law of Darryl, and adoring grandfather to Elise, he will also be sorely missed by his extended family—his way of a crew of brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews, and their spouses. He is predeceased by his brothers Don and Bill, and sister-in-law Rose. Bruce was born and raised in Toronto and attended St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia. Before returning home to the Toronto area, Bruce’s career took him and his family to many exotic locales, including Florida, Arizona, and Tillsonburg, Ontario. Many people will miss a very special neighbour, Bruce was a man respected and admired by all who knew him, and a faithful parishioner at St. Mary’s Catholic Church.

David Bain ’60 died suddenly, in his 71st year. Loving husband of Gail for 48 years, beloved father of Tracy and Jodi, devoted grandfather to Meredith, Conor, Avery, Tatum, and Reid, David will be greatly missed by his siblings, Hugh, Linda, and Kenneth. “Uncle Dave” will also be remembered by his many nieces and nephews. After graduating from St. Mike’s, David obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Toronto. He taught with the Toronto District School Board for 36 years and was lucky enough to retire at the end age of 56. Upon retiring, he pursued his passion for travel into a new career, coordinating lawn bowling tours, which took him, and his wife Gail, across the globe. Together they travelled to more than 25 different countries, meeting a countless number of people and forging lasting friendships. It was on a trip to Utah to visit friends and watch his grandson play rugby that he lost his life in a car accident. He passed away doing something he truly loved, travelling. He will be remembered for his intelligence, quick wit, infectious laugh, and many life lessons he liked to share with his family.

Terry Gorman ’63 passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, on Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016. Terry was born in Newmarket and came to St. Mike’s as a boarder in 1960, where he was captain of the Kerry Blues. After graduation he went on to St. Francis Xavier University, where he distinguished himself in the classroom and on the field, as a wide receiver and defensive back. It was after watching him play football, that Terry’s father, Peter Gorman Sr., launched the idea of bonding together leagues across Canada for a national showdown. Thus, the Vanier Cup, whose proceeds went to Save the Children Fund, was first played in 1965, bringing together the best teams from across Canada. One year later, Terry Gorman and his St. Francis Xavier X-Men were winners of the second Vanier Cup. Gorman was named outstanding player of the game. Years later, Terry’s sons Joe and Patrick respectively quarterbacked the York University Lions and Waterloo Warriors. Following university, Terry entered the family food wholesalers business, Peter Gorman Wholesale Distributors. He will be remembered for his love of family, sports, road trips, and the satisfaction he received from driving for the Canadian Cancer Society’s Wheels of Hope initiative. A Funeral Mass was held at St. John’s Chrysostom Church in Newmarket on March 30, 2016. Predeceased by his brother Peter Jr. ’65, Terry leaves his wife Jill, brothers, John ’64 and Michael, sisters, Brenda, Mary, and Nancy, children, Joe, Pat, Kelly, Katie, Jenn, Theresa, and Martha, and sixteen grandchildren.

Richard Rogacki ’66 died on January 13, 2016, in his 69th year. Beloved son of Kazimiera and Antoni (deceased), Richard was the dearly loved husband and best friend of Elizabeth, dear father of Danusia and Natalia, and dear brother of Ed and Alice. He was also a dear uncle to Christopher, Caitllyn, Andrew, Erin, and Eva. He will be greatly missed by many relatives in Canada and Poland, and a wide circle of friends. Richard devoted more than 30 years of volunteer work and service to the Canadian Polish community, organizing many events and serving as president of the Polish Combatants’ Association in Toronto. He loved entertaining and had a great love for his family, classical music, and history.

William Martin ’65 died peacefully with his family by his side, at Kitchener General Hospital, on October 9, 2015. Beloved husband of Linda for 39 years, and father to Mary Lynn, Susan, and Michael. Bill was a respected lawyer in his community since 1975. He served on his local hospital board and police commission, and volunteered his legal services to the Regent Theatre, RePlex, and Prince Edward Fitness and Aquatic Centre. William was pleased to be able to create Camp Trillium, formerly Garrett’s Island Farm Retreat, a special cancer camp for children. Camp Trillium was created in 1984, with a simple vision: to reach children with cancer by providing them and their families with fun and enriching recreational opportunities. The mission began in London with one camp, 28 campers, and 18 staff. Since then, the camps have grown across Ontario, now running more than 50 programs each year.
Paul Ennis ’70 died peacefully at Trillium Health Centre in Mississauga, surrounded by family and friends, on April 12, 2008. Paul was a beloved husband to Mary, and dearest father of Theresa, Bernadette, and Brendan, and loving son of William and Mary. He will be missed and fondly remembered as a cherished brother, uncle, friend, teacher, and mentor.

Michael Manfredo ’70 died April 8, 2009, at the Ottawa Hospital, Civic Campus, at the age of 57. Loving son of Dorothy and Nicholas Joseph (deceased), dear brother of Christina and Lorraine, Las Joseph (deceased), dear nieces, nephews, and brothers-, and sisters-in-law. Michael was predeceased by his grandparents, Margaret and William. He will be sadly missed by his many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Michael devoted himself to his 30-year career with Revenue Canada, Tax Division as a chartered accountant. He was a good friend to his many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Michael was predeceased by his of William and Mary. He will be lovingly remembered by his many friends, colleagues and mentors.

Thad Baker ’72 died on September 7, 2014, surrounded by his loving family, at the age of 63, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Cherished husband of Patricia, proud father of Christopher, Andrew, and Erin, Thad is survived and dearly missed by his brothers, Paul ’86, Jim ’74, and Fionn. He was a die-hard Maple Leaf fan who enjoyed coaching children’s hockey. He was dedicated to his reading and Sundays were often devoted to a pot of coffee and the New York Times. He was ‘Uncle Vinnie’ not only to his nephews Jeffrey and Reuben, but also to his cousins and the children of his long time friends, and his generosity included hockey tickets, concert tickets, and laptop computers.

Joe ’78. Predeceased by his parents Thomas and Olive, Joe will always be lovingly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, and brothers-, and sisters-in-law.

Vince Marchand ’77 died peacefully at home after a courageous battle with cancer on April 15, 2016. Vinnie was comforted by his many friends, colleagues and beloved sister, Ellen. Born on March 31, 1957 in Sudbury, Ontario, to Vincent and Joan Marchand (both deceased), he became a big brother to Ellen in 1959. Vinnie always had family as first priority and was the quintessential big brother-best friend, advisor, and protector. Vinnie made many lifelong friends at St. Mike’s, although admittedly he spent more time in the smoking area than in the gym. After dabbling in history at the University of Toronto, Vinnie found himself working on Bay Street, trading and brokering foreign exchange, bonds and money markets. He quickly surpassed his peers in the world of corporate bonds and became known as the expert in his field. His quick wit and sense of humour were always evident when sharing a bottle of craft beer with his friends. His ability to make people laugh, often at his own expense, humbled everyone. He had a passion for reading and Sundays were often devoted to a pot of coffee and the New York Times. He was ‘Uncle Vinnie’ not only to his nephews Jeffrey and Reuben, but also to his cousins and the children of his long time friends, and his generosity included hockey tickets, concert tickets, and laptop computers.

Sam Bonanno ’81 died unexpectedly at home, on April 4, 2016. Sam was the devoted husband of Sylvia and loving father to Samantha. He will be dearly missed by the Bonanno, Bortolucci, Nigro, Scavello, and Mancuso families, as well as his many friends. Sam was a die-hard Maple Leaf fan who enjoyed coaching children’s hockey. He was dedicated to his work and developed a wonderful career in the auto industry.

Sean O’Donoghue ’87 died surrounded by loved ones at Toronto Western Hospital, on March 24, 2016, at the age of 47. The beloved son of John and Elaine and devoted father of Parker and Dayton, Sean was the dear nephew of Peter and Marianne, Mardi and Jack, Roberta and Matti, and Patricia. He was also the beloved cousin of Aslyn, Laura, Matti, Brooke, Lindsay, John, and Ben. He will be remembered by Marcie Earle, mother of their beautiful children and missed by his extended family, friends, and co-workers.

Please also remember family and friends of the St. Michael’s community:

Maria Filomena Di Iulio, mother of Pal Di Iulio ’69, grandmother of Davide ’03 and Dante ’08; Joan Adukwei Arthur, mother of Glen ’03 and Jerome ’06; Dr. Lawrence Eckert, grandfather of Maximilian ’17 and Leonardo Kaiser ’20; Kyle Taylor, father of Evan Hookong-Taylor ’10; James Oliver Grennan, father of Michael ’79; Sgt. Abraham Townsend, father of Max ’12 and Jacob ’14; Agostino Puopolo, father of Michael ’13; Mary Ann Glebe, sister of former SMCS employee Mary Jane Irving; Frederick Roth, father of Jonathan ’10 and Eric ’12; Dante Gonzales, father of Grant ’07; Mirella Volpe, mother of Luciano ’93, Flavio ’94, Massimo ’98 and grandmother of Gianluca ’21; Sallee Marie Baignent, mother of Alan ’76; Antonietta De Fulvis, grandmother of David ’12 and Robert ’09; Irene Smeaton, wife of Gordon ’51 (deceased), mother of Gordon Jr. ’79, Paul ’86, and Craig ’90; Jordana Fiorini, daughter of Luciano Fiorini ’93; René Isac Widner, grandfather of Benjamin ’13 and Justin Falconer ’18, and husband of former teacher, Winifred; Umberto Lopardo Sr., father of Massimo ’88, grandfather of Umberto ’14, Gianmarco ’16, and Stefano ’20; Angela Asaro, mother of SMCS Arena employee Pete Asaro, grandmother of Sam ’03, Angelo ’05, and Ross ’06; Patricia Scollay, sister of former teacher, Sr. Frances, OLM; Helen Roman, mother of Eugene Roman ’75; Kevin Lang, brother-in-law of SMCS Principal Greg Reeves ’73; Cathy Drago, mother of Matthew Yellowlees ’15; John O’Neill Sr., father of John ’86 and grandfather of John ’16; Rado Krevs, father of Rado ’74 and Paul ’82; David De Castro, father-in-law of Frank Di Nino ’80; Harry McAloney, friend of the St. Michael’s Buzzers community.
the way we were: the maroney family and st. mike’s

John Maroney ’51

My association with the Basilian Fathers goes back 70 years. In the summer of 1946, Fr. Gorman, CSB ’40 visited our home on Beaconsfield Ave. to convince my mother and father that they should pay the $60 tuition to send me to St. Michael’s College School. In September of 1946, I took two streetcars to get to St. Mike’s, when I was accustomed to being able to walk to school. I met a whole new group of students from across the city. After spending four years at the school on Bay Street, I spent Grade 13 at the newly opened location at St. Clair Ave. and Bathurst St., next to Holy Rosary Church.

Having graduated in 1951, I met my future wife Shirley that summer at Dovercourt Park, where I played baseball. After graduation, I was hired by a major insurance company, retiring in 1993 after 42 years of service. Shirley and I were married at St. Basil’s Church in 1954, by Fr. Anglin, CSB, who had taught me at St. Mike’s. We were blessed with seven children, 17 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, with our three boys all graduating from St. Michael’s.

Our eldest son, John ’73, played three years with the St. Michael’s Buzzers. John has been with NCR, a world leader in consumer transaction technologies, for more than 35 years. He presently resides in Cam-bridge, Ontario with his wife, Mary, and two children. Michael ’75 is married with two children. He and his wife Cheryl reside in Scarborough, where Mike runs his own pest control business. Paul ’86 is married with two children. He and his wife Heidi presently reside in Toronto, where Paul works for a major U.S. placement agency.

My wife Shirley started working at the St. Mike’s Arena snack bar in 1973, with Mary Fullan. When Mary retired, Shirley took over. She loved it so much she stayed for twenty years. Former students and hockey players who remember her fondly ask me often about ‘Mrs. Maroney’ to this day.

My four daughters all worked at the arena with Shirley. Dianne worked the gate for the Buzzers and MTHL games, and met her future husband Mark Hawkins at the arena. Fr. Zinger, CSB married them at Holy Rosary Church. Mark and Dianne have two children and live in North Toronto. Their son, T.J. ’09, is presently working in sport partnerships at Canadian Tire. Lynne also worked the gate for the Buzzers and MTHL games. She is a commercial insurance broker, who lives in Ajax with her two children. Kim worked at the snack bar and presently resides in Whitby with her two daughters. Our youngest daughter, Donna, also worked at the snack bar, where she met her husband, Mike Pikul ’80, who played for the Buzzers. Donna and Mike have three children and live in Cleveland, Ohio.

Shirley passed away in April 2011. The funeral was held at Holy Rosary Church, with Fr. Callum, CSB as Celebrant. I am still a parishioner at Holy Rosary and was saddened by the departure of the Basilians in July of last year.

I travel to Florida every winter, as Shirley and I did for many years, where I am a spring training season ticket holder for the Blue Jays in Dunedin. I still live in the same house in which Shirley and I raised our family. We look fondly on our history with St. Mike’s and look forward to many future years of association with the school.