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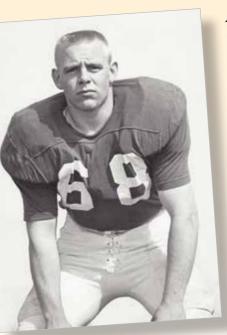
# Bill Hayden '65 & Dave Clements '73 to join Hall of Fame – September 24

The 57th Annual Athletic Hall of Fame Induction ceremony is Saturday, September 24, 2016 at Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin School, 13000 Auburn Road in Munson Township. It will be held outside underneath a tent in the west parking lot (near the Butternut Road entrance). The event will begin at 12:00 pm following by a BBQ lunch provided by the Winking Lizard at 1:00 pm. Dress is business casual.

This year we are inducting Bill Hayden, Class of 1965 (deceased) and Dave Clements, Class of 1973. Other inductees include Keri (Alexander '88) Luchowski, Nick Adorni '03, Jim DiLella '01 and Jennifer (Schuping '94) Simek. The cost is \$30/adults and \$15/students (ages 6-18). Children 5 and under are free. Registration deadline is September 16. For more information or to make a reservation, please contact Liz Maier at NDCL at (440) 279-1079.

Congratulations to our inductees!

#### Bill Hayden '65

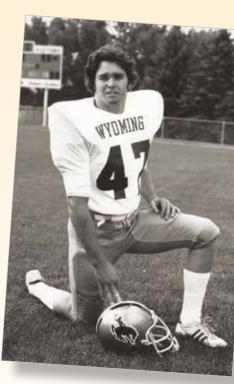


As a freshman, Bill took the Greyhound bus from Kirtland, Ohio to Cathedral Latin. While at Latin, Bill lettered in football and was on the varsity squad his sophomore, junior and senior years. He was a starter for his junior and senior years. One year he started at guard and the next year he started at tackle. As a senior, he was named to the "All East Senate Team." He played on

the 1964 team coached by Sam Ruvolo which had a record of 6-4-0 – Latin's first winning season since 1961.

#### Dave Clements '73

Dave came to Cathedral Latin from Saint Paschal Baylon grade school. He attended Cathedral Latin from 1969 to 1973. where he played football and baseball all four years. In football, he started as a junior on the varsity team as an undersized offensive guard in a high-scoring triple option offense. He graded out at over 90% on game films opening a number of holes for a great backfield which included Jimmy Weiler,





# Time for Another Change

Farewell to Terry Roncagli '77. After serving four years as President of the Alumni Association, Terry Roncagli has decided to retire his position. I want to take this opportunity to thank him for his service and leadership these past four years and wish him the best as he looks to spend more time with his family. Like his predecessor Chris Lynch '75, Terry will remain a Trustee and hopes to stay active in alumni activities.

In June of this year, the trustees voted me in as President, replacing Terry Roncagli '77. I'm honored to accept this appointment and I consider holding the position of President to be a great privilege. I hope I can do as great a job as Terry has done for our organization. I'm looking forward to working with our other newly elected officers — Mike Malone '64, Vice President, Joe Spagnuolo '61, Secretary, and Frank Cardinale '68, Treasurer, along with each and every one of you to make the oncoming years productive.

I am a 1964 graduate of Latin and carry many fond memories of my time at the school. I've been married to Trish (a 1969 graduate of Cardinal Mooney High School in Youngstown, Ohio) for 26 years. We have 6 children and 14 grandchildren that keep me fairly busy. Both Trish and I have spent time on the Board of Directors for Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin School. Trish was a Board member for 6 years and I've been a Board member for the past 4 years.

Here are some upcoming events that we sponsor and I hope to make them a success for our organization.

#### <u> Athletic Hall of Fame Induction – Saturday,</u>

September 24. As you may know, from now on this event will be held every other year. We will have an induction ceremony this year with the next one in 2018. I do want to offer congratulations to this year's inductees Bill Hayden '65 (deceased) and Dave Clements '73 and their families.

#### Centennial Celebration Event - Saturday, October 22.

This year marks the 100 year anniversary of the founding of Cathedral Latin School in 1916. To commemorate this historic milestone, we will be holding an event at the W.O. Walker Center. This Center stands just north of the former CLS property on Stokes Blvd (formerly E.107th St.). The atrium of the W.O. Walker building includes the sandstone archway that framed the front doorway of Cathedral Latin, making it the ideal place to have our celebration.

World War II Plaque Installation. We have been working with NDCL to find an acceptable location within the school building for the World War II plaque. You may remember this plaque was mounted in the main hallway at Latin just across from the chapel. NDCL and our Alumni Association have come to an agreement on a location and we are currently planning to have an installation ceremony sometime this year. Our target date is Veterans Day in November but many details still need to be worked out. We would like to have as many Latin Alumni as possible attend this installation ceremony to remember those Latin men who gave their lives so that others might enjoy the freedoms that we now have. We will keep you posted as details arise.

I want to thank all of you for your continued support of our alumni association through your annual dues, other contributions and your participation in our fundraising events. I'm looking forward to serving you and to doing all that I can to keep the Latin legacy alive.

Joe Nista '64 President

# Bill Hayden '65 (cont'd from page 1)

Former football player Joe Nista '64 said, "Bill was a tough, hard-nosed player — not a flashy personality — and a very humble person. He wasn't very big or tall and weighed about 190 lbs., but was tough as nails. He was the type of player you wanted on your side in any game." Bill had a crew cut and looked like he was in the Marines. He had a wonderful sense of humor and was given the nickname "Whitey." His teammate Jim Martello said, "Bill played right guard and I played left guard. Coach Ruvolo called a play where one guard was supposed to pull. We both pulled and ran into each other. So Ruvolo called us the "kissing guards."

After graduation, Bill attended the University of Buffalo in New York on a football scholarship. With his business degree, he returned to the Cleveland area and was a salesman for such companies as Rubbermaid, Murray and Buckeye Handling.

Bill was married to Carla and they had a daughter Erica who sadly passed away in 2012. He also had a granddaughter named Ryan. He battled Crohn's disease for many years and died at the young age of 57 from complications of this disease in 2004. He is survived by his only sister Zora who lives in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Bill joins classmates Tom Saxe, Al Shatteen and Kevin McManamon into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

#### Dave Clements '73

(cont'd from page 1)

Dubber Ward and Bill Hallal. After Dave's junior year, he was in two locations – library or weight room. He went from 170 lbs. to 210 lbs. He started both ways at offensive guard and outside linebacker. Dave not only continued to grade out at over 90% in offensive line, but he was second leading tackler on defense and led the team in recovered fumbles and receptions. Dave brought a real grit to the team where he maximized his talent on the field.

Tom Rodeno '64 was a teacher and coach at Latin in 1971. He noted that Dave was one of his most outstanding students and a gifted leader on the athletic field. He was considered a great player and person by all his teammates. His classmate Tim Hyland says, "Dave Clements did not have a cardboard heart. It was gushing purple and gold blood 24/7."

After graduation, Dave accepted a full football scholarship to the University of Wyoming to study and continue his football career. He was noted as being a "terror on the football field" as a starter at defensive end. He was second on the team in tackles both his junior and senior years, while lettering in 1975, 1976 and 1977.

Because of his leadership and work ethic, Dave was voted a team captain for the 1977 football season. He was instrumental in the Cowboys run to a Western Athletic Conference championship and an appearance in the 1976 Fiesta Bowl under Coach Fred Akers. He had the honor to be named Captain and Most Valuable Player of the 1977 Cowboys.

After graduating with a degree in Administration of Justice, Dave began a 27-year career in the beer distribution business as Sales Manager and President of two Wyoming companies. In 1983 he married Shelley Kreuzer. In 2005, with 20 years of experience as a real estate investor and property manager, Dave and Shelley teamed up to begin careers in the real estate industry. In September of 2011 they started their own company and named it One West Real Estate with 13 agents and offices in Laramie and Cheyenne.

Most importantly, Dave cares about his Latin upbringing and values the friendships he has made and kept over the years. He is proud of his Ohio roots and never forgets where he came from.

Dave and Shelley currently live in Cheyenne, Wyoming. They have three children – Cody, Chelsea and Brittney.

## **100 YEAR CENTENNIAL EVENT – OCTOBER 22**

This year marks the 100 year anniversary of the founding of Cathedral Latin School in 1916. To commemorate this historic milestone, we will be holding an event on Saturday, October 22 from noon until 4:00 pm at the W.O. Walker Center, 10524 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44195 for all alumni, faculty and friends. This Center stands just north of the former CLS property on Stokes Blvd (formerly E.107th St.). The atrium of the W.O. Walker building includes the sandstone archway that framed the front doorway of Cathedral Latin.

Heavy appetizers will be served along with beer, wine and soft drinks. Cost is \$35/person. Parking is free at the W.O. Walker garage. Each attendee will receive a souvenir booklet containing a collection of lasting memories, messages and pictures. Guests will also receive a special Christmas ornament displaying a collage of Latin pictures.

Our own Johnny Britt '75 will be performing a one-hour show. Johnny is a multi-talented singer, songwriter, producer, trumpeter, arranger and composer in the entertainment industry. He has toured the world and recorded with some of the biggest names.

We are asking you to support our event by sponsoring an ad in the program booklet. It can be an in memoriam, company or personal ad. With your donation, we know we can make this event a great success. This may be one of our last big milestones for our school.



Each alum will be receiving a personal invite in the mail. You can make your reservation by credit card online at www.clatin.com or mail a check made payable to Cathedral Latin Alumni, 5247 Wilson Mills Road #175, Richmond Heights, OH 44143. Contact Sue Wise (216) 691-9999 for further information.

Come home to your school and reminisce with your classmates and friends. It's sure to be a special time for you to remember!

#### **ALUMNOTABLES**

#### 1952

Frank Blake and his wife, Joan, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on December 30, 2015 in Lynchburg, Virginia. We send them our best wishes!

#### 1955

Leonard Mlejnek will retire after 70 years of hauling/toting percussion instruments.

#### 196

Joe Spagnuolo received a process patent to recover energy/water while reducing particulate/gasses from scrubbers. Congrats to Joe!

#### 1962

A special thank you to the 1962 Class for their contribution to our alumni association in connection with the Communion Breakfast honoring classmate John Gibbons. Your donation is deeply appreciated.

# 2016 Class Reunions

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If you have any questions about your reunion, please contact the chairman.

#### 1946

Chairman: Ray Oliver: (216) 291-1649, mjray4@gmail.com.

Reunion is Thursday, September 15 at 3:00 pm @ Mike Gavin's home, 7605 Pelham Drive, Chesterland, OH. You will have your choice of chicken or steak with a salad. Please bring a side dish to share (appetizer, rolls, dessert, etc.) and BYOB. Cost is no charge.

#### 1956

Chairmen: Jim McNulty: (440) 449-4676, Frank Roddy: (216) 789-6357, Al Rossi: (440) 423-0482 & Bob Sterbank: (216) 291-1729

Stag Event Friday, August 19 @ 5:30 pm at Alfredo's, 530 Beta Drive, Mayfield Village, OH. Cost is \$50/person with a cash bar.

#### 1966

Chairmen: Frank Malatesta: frandon1464@yahoo.com, Frank Piunno: frank.piunno@mcr-inc.com, Frank Titas: fittas@yahoo.com & Lou Volpe: volpefam@hotmail.com

Reunion starts with golf on Friday, August 26 around noon at Stonewater CC in Highland Heights, OH followed by a stag night at 6:00 pm at Aberdeen Party Center (next to Stonewater CC). Mass on Saturday, August 27 at 5:00 pm at Holy Rosary Church in Little Italy followed by dinner with spouses/guests at Nido Italia at 6:00 pm. Cost is \$60/person.

#### 1976

Chairmen: Dan Flynn: flynn.dan@cle.sysco.com, Pat Fogarty: pfogarty2468@gmail.com, Pat Hyland: patrickhyland5@yahoo.com&Bernie Tamburro: tturfguy@aol.com

Reunion is Saturday, September 3 at 4:00 pm @ Dan Flynn's home, 847 Eastlawn Drive, Highland Hts., OH. Beer and wine provided. Cost is \$50/person.

# 2016 CLASS GATHERINGS

#### 1944

The Class of 1944 meets for lunch on the first Wednesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. @ Don's Lighthouse, 8905 Lake Avenue in Cleveland. Anyone interested is invited to attend the luncheon.

#### 1953

The 1953 Class has arranged a luncheon meeting for October 14 at 11:30 a.m. @ Pine Ridge Country Club, 30601 Ridge Road, Wickliffe, OH. If you have any questions, please contact Dick Huberty at (440) 888-1139. If you are interested in golfing after the luncheon, please contact George Billings at (440) 442-7421.

#### 1955

The Class of 1955 meets for lunch on the second Thursday of every month at 11:30 a.m. To make a reservation, please call Don Hutton at (440) 331-7778.

#### 1962

The Class of 1962 meets for food, drink and a good time the last Friday of every month at 1:30 p.m. at Muldoon's Saloon and Eatery, 1020 E. 185th Street, Cleveland, OH. For questions, contact Tom Ashdown at tomashdown@yahoo.com.

# Perfect Weather for Golf Outing

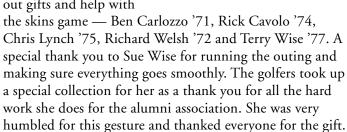
We were blessed with perfect weather for our annual Golf Outing on Friday, June 24 at Grantwood Golf Course in Solon, Ohio. Each golfer was given a tumbler with Tuffy on the front displaying our purple and gold colors.

At the turn, the Winking Lizard served up delicious hamburgers, turkey burgers and sausage sandwiches. After golf, we had a 50/50 raffle which included some wonderful prizes including gift certificates from Nautica Queen courtesy of Paul Ertel '71. A delicious chicken & rib dinner was provided by the Winking Lizard. Thank you to Jeff and his crew for another great meal and service.

Mike DelBalso '68, Anthony Gregorio '68, Ray Kristosik '82 & Nick Spuzzillo '70 took home first place by shooting 12 under par with a score of 59. They each received a nice plaque and Grantwood gift certificate. Congratulations to each of them! This golf outing event is our *only* fundraiser for our alumni association. We raised close to \$8,100, which helps to keep our alumni going strong. We couldn't have done this without the support of our hole sponsors. Mike D'Amato '79,

owner of Nissan of North Olmsted, sponsored a sign on every hole — "Are you Kiddin' Me!" Thank you to all the sponsors. Your support is deeply appreciated.

We would like to thank those who volunteered to sell 50/50 tickets, hand out gifts and help with



Please mark your calendar for next year's outing. It will be *Friday, June 30, 2017* at Grantwood Golf Course. We hope to see you there!



1962 Class - Ray Paglio, Bob DeSapri, Jim Denk, Dan Borovac, Rick Myslenski, Sam Colacarro & Jim Blaszak.



The Boys of Little Italy - Nick Spuzzillo '70, Ron Ramacciato '65, Don Ramacciato '64, Frank Ramacciato '60, Dale Ramacciato '66, John Gregorio '63, Anthony Gregorio '68, Ray Kristosik '82 & Miguel Delbalso '68



1970 Class - Joe Blaszak, Tom Leksan, Dante Leonardi, Ray Andrews, Bob DeJulius & Nick Spuzzillo



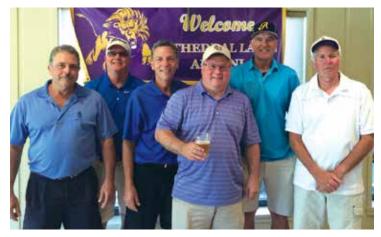
1973 Class - Bob Sords, Jim Carey, Paul Palumbo, Fran Gallagher, Tim Donovan, Leo Buckon, Tom Nolfi & Bill Daley



1974 Class - Jerry Mullin, Joe Schneeberger, Jim Costello, Rick Cavolo, Bob Yodice, Jim Carrabine, Carter Welo & Joe Filippo



1977 Class - Mike Bambrick, Mike Dolphin, Greg Stricker, Leo Hyland & Terry Wise



1975 Class - Vince Malatesta, Dick Kelley, Mike Fitzgerald, Chris Lynch, Greg Palumbo & Bill Ibold



1979 Class - Ron Bedinghaus, Chip Tighe, Scott Klonowski, Tom Flowers, Phil Oliveri, Mike Byrne, & Dan Rachek

# 2016/2017 FLORIDA CHAPTER MEETING DATES

If you ever visit Florida, are thinking of relocating, or currently live in the area and would like to attend a luncheon, here are the Florida Chapter Tuesday meeting dates:



November 8, 2016,
December 13, 2016
(Christmas celebration),
January 10, 2017,
February 14, 2017
(Valentine's Day luncheon) &
March 14, 2017
(St. Patrick's Day celebration)

The meetings are held at *Red Lobster Restaurant, 6151 34th St. N., St. Petersburg, Florida.* You order off the menu, and spouses or guests are most welcome. The meetings start at 11:30 a.m. with socializing followed by lunch.

For reservations, please call our coordinator, Tom Begley, at (727) 804-1594 or e-mail him at tom@tbegley.com no later than the Friday before each meeting. If he's not home, leave a message indicating how many will be attending. This is important so he will have an accurate count to give to the restaurant.

### Remember Latin in Your Estate Planning

Consider a bequest in your estate plan to Cathedral Latin Alumni. A gift through your will or living trust will continue your support of our association as an important lasting legacy. It will impact future Catholic education through the Brother Frank Nurthen Endowed Scholarship Fund. You can also use your IRA distribution to make a charitable gift.

A charitable bequest is an excellent way to create a lasting memorial for your legacy — Cathedral Latin School.

For more information, please call the alumni association at (216) 691-9999.



The Class of 1961 gathered for lunch on April 8 at Southeast Gears & Cheers in Bedford, Ohio.

Names left to right: Gene Gonsowski, Bill Flaherty, Don Marn, John Zeller, Stan Piekos, Roger Abood, Bill Youmell, Larry Denney, Tom Boyle (standing), Ray Machar, Jim Mulholland, Jerry and Pat Perchinske



1962 Class celebrates with John Gibbons

# John Gibbons '62 Honored at Communion Breakfast

Over 130 alumni, friends and family attended the 65th annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, April 24. Mass was celebrated at St. John's Cathedral where the Class of 1966 participated with the readings and brought up the gifts. They were guests of the alumni association and honored on the occasion of their 50th anniversary.



Patty & John Gibbons '62

After Mass, guests arrived at the Wyndham Cleveland

at Playhouse Square for breakfast followed by the awards presentation. **John Gibbons '62** was the recipient of the Merit Award — the highest honor given by the Alumni Association. This award is given to someone who has distinguished himself in his chosen field of endeavor in a manner that brings renown to Cathedral Latin School.

We would like to thank everyone who attended this wonderful event. Please mark your calendar for next year's event which will be *Sunday, April 30, 2017*.



Past Men of the Year Dominic LoGalbo '50 & Rick Cavolo, DDS '74 along with Gibbons.



Tom Ashdown '62 presents award to classmate John Gibbons

# Edward Victor Pogonowski '37 – WWII Veteran

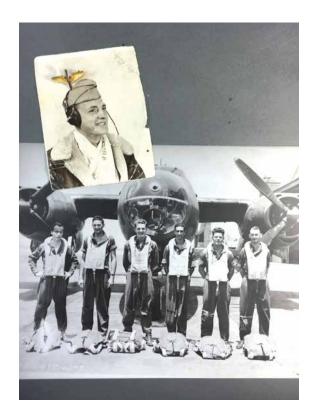
Edward Pogonowski was a lieutenant in the USAAF. He was killed in training when a B-26 Marauder crashed at McDill Air Base in Tampa, Florida killing all on board on Memorial Day weekend in May 1943. Beginning in 1942, the mission for the base was aircrew training for the B-26 Marauder. The B-26 earned the slogan "one a day in Tampa Bay." The aircraft proved hard to fly and land by many pilots due to its short wings, high landing speeds and fighter plane maneuverability.

The last letter sent to him from his mother was returned to her marked with the word 'deceased' written across the envelope. Eddie's older sister, Julie, is alive and well at the age of 105.

The youngest of four Pogonowski children, Eddie attended St. Casimir Church in Cleveland, Ohio. He graduated from Cathedral Latin School in 1937 and then attended John Carroll University. His parents left Nowogrod and Lomza, Poland when it was ruled by Czar Nicholas and Czarina Alexandria.

He is buried at Calvary Cemetery in Cleveland, Ohio.

We thank Eddie for his service to our country. May he rest in peace.



#### **Latin War Heroes**

We are searching for alums who died while serving in the war (WWII, Korean, Vietnam, Desert Storm, etc.) or who passed away as a result of injuries or exposure resulting from action in any of these wars. We currently have a list to the best of our knowledge shown in our history book. To see the list, please go to our website at www.clatin.com.

If you know of someone who served our country and lost their life, please contact Sue at the alumni office so we can add their name.

We thank the gallant men of Cathedral Latin for sacrificing their lives in defense of the freedoms we now enjoy.



# John J. Burke, Jr. '50 – Army Combat Medic

On Valentine's Day 1952, John "Jack" Burke entered the Army where he was trained as a combat medic. He served his fellow soldiers in the Korean War behind the front lines for 1 year, 1 month and 22 days. On one day, Jack and his soldier buddies safeguarded an 11 year old Korean boy who had wandered into their camp hungry and needing basic clothing. They fed and protected him and even cut up an army uniform to fit and clothe him.

A year later in 1953, the *Cleveland Press* ran a story of how Private Jack used his quick thinking to save his buddy's life. A bullet had exploded a snow-hidden hand grenade which sent a fragment into the soldier's chest. Burke heard a sucking noise, tore open the man's shirt and found a gaping hole in his chest. He covered the wound with gauze and put aluminum foil (used to wrap first-aid kits) on top to seal out the air. He held it in place during an hour-long ride to a dressing station where a doctor said the aluminum cover saved his buddy's life.

When returning home, Jack attended Kent State University where he met his wife, Judy. They have been married for over 40 years and volunteer for many organizations and causes.

Some highlights of Jack's impact on others include: co-founding Westlake's Junior All-Star football league, serving on the planning commission for St. John Medical Center in Westlake and serving as a trustee for the Kidney Foundation.

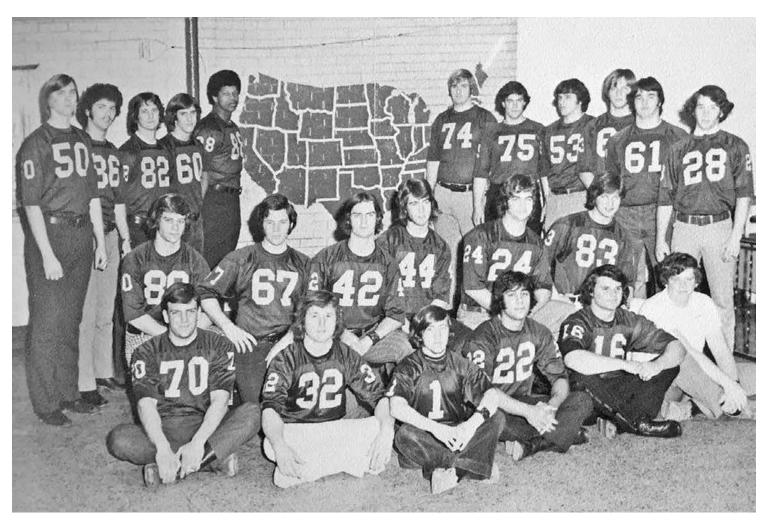
Today Jack is a financial advisor with Ancora Advisors LLC. He and Judy have two children, Brittan and John.

A quote from Jack "...I did my patriotic duty. I came home much stronger and more compassionate. I maintain my commitment to others."

We thank Jack for his service to our country.



# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Here is a picture of the Latin senior football players taken in 1973 in the school with the US map in the background. A mark was placed on the state where the players planned on attending college. Here are the names left to right:

Sitting – #70 Mike Iacampo, #32 Tom Michals, #1 Russ Angers, #22 Bill Hallal, #16 Jim "Dubber" Ward & Steve Pigott (manager)

*Middle Row* – #80 Joe Bechtold, #67 Leo Buckon, #42 Jack Dever, #44 Mike O'Donnell, #24 Jim Weiler & #83 Tom Beletic

**Standing** – #50 Kerry McCullough, #86 Tom Nolfi, #82 Dan Baron, #60 Mark Arnold, #88 Gary Jeter, #74 Tim Coughlin, #75 Mike Conochan, #53 Paul Palumbo, #63 Dan Kovacic, #61 Dave Clements & #28 Ed Reilly

Not pictured: Jeff Cikra, Don Clark, Tim Hyland, Bob Sords & Mike Spicer



## Rev. James P. O'Donnell '48 Celebrates 60 Years

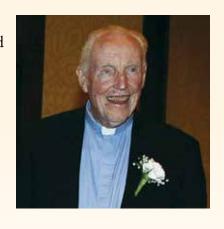
Fr. Jim O'Donnell, Class of 1948, answered the call to a life of service and commitment as a priest in the Diocese of Cleveland in 1956. His first assignments were at St. Colman's Church in Cleveland and St. Mary's Church in Avon. From 1968-1975 he was diocesan CYO director. Afterwards, he had a year-long, cross-country journey that took him with a group to a spiritual life in cities, mountains, the desert and by the sea, including six weeks of solitude in a monastery, six weeks in a Kansas City flophouse and time in the fields with migrant workers.

His personal spiritual journey also included six weeks in 1974 working in India with Mother Teresa and an earlier time with world-renowned Jean Vanier, which led him to be key to establishing in Cleveland, in 1975, the first of the now four L'Arche homes. These, he describes as "communities of love" with core members having disabilities.

In 1980, he and Sister Maggie Walsh-Conrad formed the Little Brothers and Sisters of the Eucharist to provide a "ministry of presence" in Cleveland's inner city. It's not about clothing or food, Fr. Jim says, "We try to be totally present and live the reality." They worked with Habitat for Humanity and now there are nearly 600 new homes in the Central area.

Fr. O'Donnell had the honor of being inducted into the 2012 class of the Cleveland International Hall of Fame.

Today and for the past 32 years, Fr. Jim lives and works in the inner-city Central neighborhood in Cleveland, Ohio. He provides a ministry of presence to the poor in this neighborhood. He also has been regularly celebrating Mass in St. Malachi Church and is



the Catholic Chaplain to the Northeast Pre-Release Prison for Women and the Juvenile Detention Home.

This year Fr. Jim is celebrating the 60th anniversary of his ordination. We would like to extend our best wishes and congratulate him on his many years of dedication to the church and community.

#### It's Not Too Late to Pay your 2016 Dues

You have until December 31, 2016 to make your annual dues donation. While there is no set dollar amount, the Board of Trustees recommends a gift of \$40. You can pay on-line by credit card (www.clatin.com) or mail a check made payable to **Cathedral Latin Alumni**, 5247 Wilson Mills Road #175, Richmond Heights, OH 44143.

The dues money received are used to support the administrative costs for running the office, funding alumni events, donations to charities and to support

NDCL. Without your gift, we couldn't keep the association alive and going strong. Please know your gift is tax-deductible.

We would like to thank everyone who has already made a donation to support our Alumni Association. Your gift is deeply appreciated by our association!

If you're not sure whether or not you made a donation for this year, please feel free to contact Sue at 216-691-9999.

#### John Pilch '57

1940-2016



Picture Courtesy of Mickey Zeichick

On May 3, 2016, John Pilch died from a fast-acting cancer at the age of 76. Pilch was a longtime community leader who served on various local, city and county boards and committees. For the past 20 years up until his death, Pilch served the San Carlos Area Council, twice as president, and as vice president and

secretary. He also served as chair of the San Carlos/Lake Murray Recreation Council from 2012 on.

Pilch was awarded a proclamation from the city making April 14, 2016, John Pilch Day in San Diego, California. The city is also looking into naming the community garden at the San Carlos Rec Center in his honor.

John was also an active supporter of emergency responders. He was a volunteer disaster service worker for the San Diego County Community Emergency Response Team from 2004 to 2014 and a member of the San Diego Police Department's Use of Force Task Force in 2002. On every anniversary of 9/11, he would bring cakes to local fire and police stations.

From 2000 to 2009 and again from 2010 to 2012, Pilch was a board member of the Navajo Community Planners Inc. (NCPI) and served as chair from 2002 to 2005.

After graduation from Latin, John went on to study psychology at John Carroll University. He married Judy in 1969 while pursuing a law degree at Cleveland Marshall College of Law. He put himself through law school while working for the Travelers Insurance Company as a claims examiner. He graduated in 1970.

In 1973, John was transferred to work in the Traveler's main offices in Hartford, Connecticut. In 1977, he was transferred to San Diego, California. After retiring from Travelers, Pilch worked short stints at a few other companies in San Diego before fully retiring and dedicating himself to community involvement.

John will be dearly missed by all who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Article courtesy of Jeff Clemetson.

#### **Gary Jeter '73**

1955-2016



Gary Jeter passed away Thursday, March 10, 2016 at the young age of 61. He was one of the greatest high school football players in the country when he graduated in 1973. Gary was Ohio's high school lineman of the year, a national All-American and ranked No. 2 on

The Plain Dealer's Top 50 High School Football Players from 1963-2013. In high school Jeter was nearly impossible to block, despite getting double and triple teamed.

After graduation, Jeter started every game at defensive end for University of Southern California (USC) from his 3rd game in 1973 until his final game in the Rose Bowl in 1977 and was a member of 1974 National Championship team. In 1976 he was First-team All-American and while at USC he started in three Rose Bowls (1974, 1975, and

1977). He was a three-time All-Conference First-team (1974, 1975 and 1976) and won USC's Defensive Player of the Year Award in 1975. Gary was the 5th player selected in the 1st round of the 1977 NFL Draft.

Jeter played in 13 NFL seasons from 1977 to 1989 for the New York Giants, Los Angeles Rams and New England Patriots.

Gary often played in the Latin annual golf outing. He was a big guy with a large heart and contagious smile. He was proud of his Latin heritage and remained friends with many of his classmates after high school. He will be dearly missed, but never forgotten.

Jeter is survived by his wife, Leslie, and four daughters — Ayisha, Denyse, Breana and Kayla. Our hearts and prayers go out to his family. May he rest in peace.

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Our thoughts & prayers are extended to families who have lost loved ones.

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