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While traveling to a conference for Chief Administrators of Lasallian Schools, I read an article in the Atlantic that cites an economist. He is credited with the line “A crisis is a terrible thing to waste.” We are living though a financial crisis of some magnitude and we will not squander the opportunities presented.

First, we are compelled to clarify our vision. The Lasallian school provides a Christian and human education to the young, especially the poor. In an environment that provides little margin for error, we need to have our priorities set straight.

Second, we need to order our priorities to remain true to our mission. In that ordering students come first. As a result, admissions and enrollment management, academic programming, and faculty staffing which serves students rank high.

Third, financial decisions about spending are made in a way that supports the mission and the advancement of student learning. Practically, while living through the crisis, we need to remember our mission which focuses on the accessibility of a quality Lasallian education to students and their families. Hence the allocation of scholarships and grants remain crucial. This focus supports the mission and enrollment. For many of us, diocesan education was THE available option for our families. Since we are tuition driven (untrue for those prior to ’65), sustaining enrollment goals supports programming and staffing through tuition generated income. Like many institutions of higher learning capital projects are put on hold.

Well, these are my suppositions for taking advantage of this crisis. Lent was a good cause for personal and institutional soul-searching – nothing like a good examen to chasten the spirit. Easter calls us to live out the virtue of hope, to believe in God’s power to make right rather than our own.

Our founder, St. John Baptist De La Salle, encountered many obstacles in establishing gratuitous Christian schools not the least of which was financial stability. It is good to remember De La Salle’s steadfast commitment to his mission and his reliance on Providence - the source of all blessings. After all, the work we do is God’s work. Loughlin needs your current support and a bit more if possible to remain strong. This coming academic year we will be hard pressed to find those very important scholarship and grant dollars which supports admissions and student retention. Without your support, many students will not have access to the quality education Loughlin provides. Wasn’t that a building block to your success?

“...while living through the crisis, we need to remember our mission...of a quality Lasallian education...”

As the school community embraces the joy of Easter and the promise of resurrection be assured of our prayers and our gratitude for all that you do.

Sincerely,

Brother Dennis Cronin, FSC
President
Dear Alumni & Friends of Bishop Loughlin,

Last summer when I first wrote to you, I asked for your fervent prayers. May I take this opportunity to thank you profusely, because based on the way things have gone at alma mater this school year, your prayers must have been plentiful. As principal, I am blessed with students who are full of life and love; their parents, whose great love and sacrifice for them is matched only by their cooperation with us; and I’m blessed with a staff whose competence, professionalism, dedication and love are all immeasurable. You will notice that love, which is synonymous with charity, is the common characteristic in the three groups.

It is that same charity that exudes from each and every one of you - on a routine visit to the school, at our Alumni Reunion extravaganza in October, at our Alumni Homecoming in February or at the Hall of Fame dinner in May - that buoys me and our beloved school every day throughout the year. I thank you for your financial generosity, but more than that I express deep gratitude for your constant, charitable spirit and prayers.

In my last letter, I also stated that I was moving into my new office with complete confidence that I would witness the same love and goodness among the Bishop Loughlin community, including all of you that I had witnessed for the prior 35 years. If I was wrong at all, it was only in understating the case. As a result, this year has been an over joyous one for me and for Bishop Loughlin High School.

Our 75th anniversary celebration on October 9th was the quintessential personification of Loughlin “spirits high and hearts so true, our banners, purple and gold, above.” About 250 students and staff marched from old St. James to 75-year young Bishop Loughlin and met the rest of the school community waiting to greet us in the school yard, literally under gigantic “banners, purple and gold, above”. The banners have hung on the school every day this year and will continue to do so as we live proudly into the future.

We have brought back a debate team to Loughlin and the students involved have experienced great success in the very first few months. One pair reached the semi-finals in a national competition involving some of the best teams on the East coast. At our Afternoon of Culture and Fashion, we honored three graduates, including Edward Smith ’47. After watching approximately 300 Loughlin students perform 14 acts, Mr. Smith stated that although St. Thomas Aquinas theorized that there are five proofs that God exists, he must add that the sixth proof of God’s existence was all of the talent that he and all of us had just witnessed. He could not have said truer words.

St. Paul said “there are three things that last, faith, hope and love and the greatest of these is love.” As you have just read, then, Loughlin is filled with the greatest of the abiding virtues. As always, I ask that you pray fervently. Please pray that Christ’s love continues to grow in our Loughlin community.

Sincerely,

James Dorney
Principal
Loughlin Debate Team Wins High Honors
Written by Luke Patrick O’Connell, Religion Faculty

A famous “shot heard round the world” set in motion a revolution pitting a group of fiercely committed rebels against a long-standing economic, political, and military power. The symbolic importance of the town could not be understated as the newly formed Bishop Loughlin Debate Team drove past the Lexington battle green en route to represent the diocese on a national level at the Lexington Winter Invitational. Ten students from Brooklyn came together as relative strangers on Bishop Loughlin’s newly formed debate team in the fall to test their mettle against select academies from the Northeast and as far away as Tampa Bay and Nashville.

In the world of competitive debate, students are called upon to speak with acumen and wit on topics loosely framed by a year's resolution. This year, students deal with U.S. alternative energy policy. This knowledge is not improvisational. Since October the Loughlin Debate Team has spent late nights Tuesday through Thursday discussing obscure scientific breakthroughs, political implications of U.S. action, and foreign responses to U.S. economic and military development. At this tournament, these 10 students represented all those nights of practice by sacrificing their extended Martin Luther King Jr. weekend over three days of grueling debate rounds.

When the tournament began on Saturday night, most of the debate community had never heard of Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School. By the time the tournament concluded on Monday everyone had watched a first time debater and her partner go 4-1 in preliminary rounds, four of the ten Loughlin debaters finish in the top 25 speakers, and Bishop Loughlin’s team captain and his partner advance to the semi-final round finally losing on a split decision to the eventual tournament champions. The list of teams defeated by Bishop Loughlin is a litany of nationally elite schools like Newburgh Free Academy, Beacon, Tampa Prep, Georgetown Day (DC), Bronx Science, Bronx Law, Monticello, and others.

After this impressive and exhausting weekend, some of the debaters were called upon to speak to their classmates during a prayer service prior to the inauguration of President Obama. It was the debaters, on that stage, invoking principles of love and truth after living it with their own lives, that made our newly minted President’s words so profound. He spoke of the price of citizenship in our country:

But those values upon which our success depends — hard work and honesty, courage and fair play, tolerance and curiosity, loyalty and patriotism — these things are old. These things are true…we have duties to ourselves, our nation, and the world, duties that we do not grudgingly accept but rather seize gladly, firm in the knowledge that there is nothing so satisfying to the spirit, so defining of our character, than giving our all to a difficult task.

These honest, courageous, and hard-working students will never debate in front of a crowded gym, nor reap economic favor for their efforts. However, it is in them that a teacher’s, a parent’s, and perhaps a nation’s best hope may abide as they, at a very young age, have chosen to give their all to a difficult task and remind the rest of us how much truth and beauty remains in our national character. Young women and men from Bishop Loughlin may one day prove the next “shot heard round the world” will be a verbal one.

Loughlin Varsity Bowling 2009
The Loughlin bowling team had its best finish in many years. The team was in fifth place with three weeks left in the season but finished strongly to pass last year’s city finalist, St. Francis Prep, and came in fourth in the regular season to secure a playoff berth. They finished in third place in the CHSAA Brooklyn/Queens Division after making it to the semifinal round.

Gary Pacheco 012 had the highest average in the league with a 201 and Christopher Lee 009 had the second highest average with a 196. Both young men ranked in the top 25 Catholic high school bowlers in the state and were invited to participate in the Catholic School State Championship in March in Buffalo, NY.
The 2008 reunion celebrated special anniversaries for all classes ending in a three or an eight. The 350 alumni and friends in attendance represented over 60 years of the school’s history. They reunited with friends and their alma mater as they walked the halls and reminisced about growing up in Brooklyn.

The class of 1958 was the honored guest celebrating their 50th anniversary. During the welcome ceremony, 1958 class coordinator Peter Salerno presented a check to Br. Dennis Cronin for $85,000 for their 50th class gift. Everyone enjoyed a slide show about the anniversary classes showcasing their four years at Loughlin. They celebrated their Loughlin heritage by singing the school song together, accompanied by the senior jazz band.

The Development Office enjoyed hosting the reunion and we hope you will return to Loughlin soon. More reunion pictures are posted online at www.blmhs.org in the alumni section.

Enjoy the afternoon and evening at Loughlin. The day will include anniversary suites, Mass, welcome ceremony, cocktail reception and dinner. Anniversary Suites will celebrate the reunion classes ending in a 4 or a 9.

Help make your Alumni reunion be a success. Get involved with the Alumni Reunion by joining your class Reunion Committee. Contact the Development office to learn how you can help make the Reunion a triumph;
call 718-857-2700 x2252 or mbenjamin@blmhs.org.
On Friday, February 13th, Loughlinites didn’t let superstition stop them from attending the 2nd Annual Homecoming Game and Alumni Reception. This year, 130 alumni and guests (double the number of attendees from last year) joined a gymnasium filled with students, parents, and the opposition’s supporters for an exciting varsity boys basketball game. Loughlin beat Xaverian in the third of a triple-header sweep against the visiting team’s best. During half time, alumni basketball players were greeted by cheers from the crowd as Vinnie Visco recognized them for all they did as student athletes at Loughlin. Following the game, alumni and Loughlin staff retired to the cafeteria for cocktails and hors d’oeuvres. The cafeteria came alive when Kolin Mendez ’08 provided music for the reception. Currently a freshman at St. John’s University, Kolin is no stranger to alumni events, as he volunteered with the Development department several times while he was a student. This blossoming DJ was more than willing to play music for the crowd as he did in the past for home basketball games.

The highlight of the evening was when some alumni turned a section of the cafeteria into a dance floor. No one will forget the moment when Mr. Jim Dorney joined them as they did the Electric Slide. It was truly an unforgettable moment for all in attendance. As the night began to wind down, the sounds of laughter and camera shutters continued to fill the air as alumni made plans for continuing their fun at a local lounge.

Much of the night’s success is due to the new Loughlin group on Facebook, which was used to promote this event to alumni in addition to mailings and email blasts. Reunion coordinators from this year’s anniversary classes also invited their fellow classmates to attend Homecoming as a kick off to their reunion celebration later this year. The Athletic & Development departments and everyone at Loughlin would like to thank our alumni for their continued support of this event, and we hope to see more alumni at next year’s Homecoming!
**Class Notes Are Moving Online**

As part of our green campaign, the class notes and memorial list are now posted online at [www.blmhs.org](http://www.blmhs.org) in the alumni section.

**Loughlin Is Going Green!**

The Development Department will be distributing more and more alumni information electronically to be green and to save some green. As concerns for the environment increase, we want to do our part by using less paper in our office. On the flip side, the economic downturn has prompted us to watch what we spend so that we can continue to keep tuition low and provide scholarships for students in need.

Support Loughlin’s green campaign by sending us your email address and updating your contact information with the development office any time there is a change which will reduce returned mail.

Beginning this spring, all publications will be posted on the school’s website at [www.blmhs.org](http://www.blmhs.org). If you prefer to receive the publications electronically, please email us at mbenjamin@blmhs.org and we will add you to the electronic mailing list for the next publication.

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**School President Elected To Lead Lasallian Mission**

Chief administrators and board members of Lasallian secondary schools in the United States and Toronto Region gathered in Charleston, South Carolina, in February for the annual conference of Lasallian Secondary Schools Chief Administrators Association (LASSCA).

At the LASSCA meeting, Brother Dennis Cronin, President of Bishop Loughlin High School, was elected to the LASSCA Board as vice president and joins Brother Michael Collins, immediate past president, and Ken Tedesco, current president.

The theme of the meeting was Catholic Identity in a Lasallian School through mission, ministry and message. The meeting stressed the role of Catholic schools as advocates of social justice and the evangelical aspect of the Lasallian mission to teach students to have a deeper encounter with God.

Please join us in congratulating Br. Dennis for this honor to lead and influence the vision of Lasallian schools in our country.

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**Be our friend on Facebook!**

We have created the Bishop Loughlin Alumni group on Facebook. The page offers new features, including an event calendar, photos, notes, a news feed and more – all to help you stay connected with Loughlin. The group is called [Bishop Loughlin Memorial H.S. Alumni](http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=4869918284&ref=share).

Become a member today!

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2008 Council Dinner
In recognition of their continuing generosity to alma mater, esteemed alumni, faculty and friends of Bishop Loughlin, St. Augustine and Bishop McDonnell were welcomed at the 2008 Bishop John Loughlin Council Dinner held on Thursday, November 13th, at the New York Athletic Club. Luis Ayala ’09 gave an overview of Loughlin’s activities and financial support to the school and introduced Brother Dennis Cronin, FSC who welcomed everyone and thanked them for their outstanding support of Loughlin. We would like to thank all those who were in attendance as well as everyone who supported Bishop Loughlin in the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year.

Career Day 2008
Special thanks to alumni and friends who participated in Career Day last fall. Topics presented included law, fashion, medicine, architecture and engineering, finance, music business, culinary arts, psychology and social work. For many students it was their first opportunity to speak with a professional about their career interests. Students became more passionate to pursue certain careers and sharpened their focus for college courses while others were excited to discover their interests were leading them in a different direction.

If you are interested in speaking with Loughlin students about your profession, please contact the development office at 718-857-2700 x2251.

2008 Career Day Speakers
Karen received a firm foundation through Catholic education. After attending St. Fortunata Grammar School in East New York, she started high school at Bishop McDonnell in 1972. She only spent a year at Bishop’s before the school closed its doors in 1973 and she transferred into Bishop Loughlin as part of the first female class at the school. In 1979 she graduated with the first female class at the school. She went on to complete her Masters in American History at NYU and also received a Professional Diploma in Administration and Supervision from Brooklyn College.

Her first job was teaching at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Bay Ridge. In 1985 she returned to Bishop Loughlin as a teacher. She eventually left the Catholic school system to teach at Edward R. Murrow High School and then became the Social Studies Chairperson at Roslyn High School in Long Island. Currently she is the Lead Social Studies Chairperson at JFK High School in Bellmore-Merrick. This is a central high school district with three high schools and two middle schools. She is the lead chair for the history department and in charge of staff development and teacher mentoring within the district, assisting faculty in pedagogy. She was asked to coordinate a summer seminar for the Gilder Lehrman American History Institute, a national program to promote the love and study of American History through interdisciplinary methods.

Karen had the unique opportunity of being a student and teacher at Loughlin. In both roles, she experienced a great sense of community and common purpose at Loughlin which she has imprinted into the daily life of her career. Emphasizing respect and dignity for every individual in the classroom and amongst her peers, she continues to live and share the Lasallian tradition learned from a solid Catholic education.

Over the past few years, she has returned to Loughlin for class reunions and the 75th anniversary of the school. She is proud to see that Loughlin is still true to its mission of nurturing academic and spiritual development of its students.

Philip O’Connell ’46 died peacefully on January 26, 2009 at the age of 80 in Naples, FL. He earned an undergraduate degree from Manhattan College, a Law degree from Columbia Law School and completed the Advanced Management Program at the Harvard Business School.

He interrupted his studies at Columbia Law School to serve 39 months in the Atlantic and Pacific fleets during the Korean War, principally as executive officer on the USS Chilton and USS LST-883.

After returning to civilian life he graduated from Columbia Law, joining the New York City firm of Dewey, Ballantine, Bushby, Palmer & Wood where he practiced for several years before moving into executive roles in the business world. Phil was an expert in corporate governance and held many titles in his career before retiring in 1990 as Senior Vice President and Corporate Secretary of Champion International in Stamford, CT.

He was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States, served as a member of the NYSE Legal Advisory Board and long-time service as a member of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the American Society of Corporate Secretaries.

Phil was a champion runner while at Loughlin and Manhattan College. Later in life he participated and won championships in Master’s track competitions in the U.S. and internationally. Among his many honors, he was a CHSAA cross country champion, CHSAA Indoor Mile Champion and Penn Relay champion in the two mile and distance medley while at Loughlin. He was a member of Manhattan’s Penn Relays championship teams in the distance medley and 4-mile relays and also ran on two national AAU championship 2-mile relay teams and an IC4A cross-country championship team.

What is not reflected in these many accomplishments was his immense love for Loughlin, for his many teammates who became life long friends and his generous financial support over the years for the school’s mission to make quality education possible for many minority students.

A Lasallian education challenges the minds and hearts of its students and produces young adults equipped to succeed in life. The strength and success of Loughlin alumni is a testament to the vision of St. John Baptist De La Salle and the Christian Brothers. Their fierce determination overcame countless obstacles encountered while educating and developing the minds of the children entrusted to them. They lived daily the words of St. Paul, “But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

The Christian Brothers and lay faculty have influenced the lives of thousands of men and women who have graduated from Loughlin to become leaders in their community, profession and country. A Loughlin education continues to lay a firm foundation for the student body, educating the leaders of tomorrow.
Since his days at Loughlin, Christopher Torres ’01 knew that he wanted to do something that helped others. As the president of LaSallian Youth, he had the opportunity to lead his fellow students as they participated in various community service projects. This experience laid the groundwork for his future work to help those less fortunate. After graduating from high school, Chris went on to graduate from Brown University in 2006 with a degree in Public Policy and American Institutions. It was there that he began his work in politics. He worked as a field organizer for the Sheldon Whitehouse Senate race. In that position, he was able to educate and inform residents, particularly the Latino population of Providence’s Southside, about the voting process and registered many first-time voters. After his success with that race, he was able to work with the Mayoral race of Tom Knox in Philadelphia, PA. But Chris said that it was his work on the Barack Obama campaign that solidified his desire to affect change through politics, especially within minority groups. “My work allows me to raise the voice of people of color through the electoral process.”

As a Field Director, Chris was able to work in Iowa, New Mexico, Rhode Island, and Pennsylvania to inform voters of the Latino and other minority communities of Barack Obama’s platform. After the successful culmination of that campaign, Chris continues his work with the Campaign for Community Change in Washington, DC. His organizing and coordination of “Get Out and Vote” campaigns continue, as he creates strategies to bring issues such as immigration reform and affordable healthcare to the forefront. From his humble beginnings in New York, Chris is now in a position to help bring about change and champion issues affecting people of color in the halls of Congress. He is a true example of the leaders Loughlin produces with every graduating class.

Michael Zaccaro ’63 received an Associate Degree in retail marketing from New York City Community College in 1966. He was drafted into the US Army and served two years with the 6th Battalion/32nd Artillery in Vietnam from 1967-1968. After the military he began his long career in retail at Bloomingdales Department Store as an executive trainee and then a buyer for menswear. He moved to Miami to work for Jordan Marsh Department Store before moving to Chicago, where he served as senior vice president, director of stores and then Senior Vice President general merchandise manager at Marshall Fields. Moving back to New York, he served as Executive Vice President at Saks 5th Avenue for multiple merchandise categories. In 1995 he joined the Philips Van Heusen Corporation where he held several positions including President of the Van Heusen Retail Division and Izod Retail Division and most recently as Vice Chairman-Retail and Corporate Officer, with responsibility for the Izod, Van Heusen, Geoffrey Beene and GH Bass footwear retail divisions, Field Operations, Real Estate and Store Design and Construction. He retired in January 2009 and was asked to continue working as a consultant for two years to manage special assignments.

Michael was a founding member of The Aids Foundation of Chicago, which later formed a critical partnership with the American Foundation for Aids Research (AMFAR) based in New York City. He has been a consistent supporter of many environmental and hunger organizations as well as Doctors Without Borders.

“I attribute the success, enjoyment and rewards I have had professionally and personally in my 34 years of marriage to hard work. I thank God for His guidance and support which has given me many blessings.”

“My foundation and spiritual grounding began at Loughlin. It reinforced my belief in Christianity and taught me how to understand and serve God. The education I received enabled me to take my aspirations to a whole new dimension and to seek new levels of experiences. And lastly, Loughlin instilled in me the personal discipline one needs in life to confront and overcome life’s unintended and sometimes unpleasant consequences.”
When students and faculty from Bishop Loughlin paraded from St. James Cathedral-Basilica in Downtown Brooklyn to their school in Fort Greene, they retraced a similar march made 75 years ago that opened the school.

In September 1933, the students and faculty walked from their former school, St. James Academy on Jay Street, to open their new school named in memory of the first Bishop of Brooklyn. At that ceremony, the student body gathered in the athletic field area next to the school for the ceremonial transfer of location, The Bishop explained that the site upon which the school now stands was originally purchased for the purpose of building a cathedral church for the diocese. A foundation was actually built and the cornerstone was dedicated by Bishop John Loughlin. But he delayed plans for a massive Gothic cathedral and instead used the monies to build much needed orphanages for children in Brooklyn.

Later, Bishop Thomas E. Molloy, the third Bishop of Brooklyn, decided that young men needed a high school and scrapped plans for a cathedral on the site. “The diocese sacrificed a cathedral for a school,” Bishop DiMarzio told those in attendance.

Today, he pointed out that parents make sacrifices, sometimes working two jobs, to pay the tuition at the school. Originally free, the school began charging $75 a year for tuition in 1961. Today, it costs $7,000 per student.

“Loughlin has always been a special school,” pointed out the bishop. That’s why, he said it continues to be a diocesan school receiving $250,000 a year from the diocese as a subsidy.

“A Mass of thanksgiving was celebrated Thursday, October 9, by Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio to mark the diamond jubilee of the school that has been conducted by the Christian Brothers on its present site. During the Offertory procession, students carried a framed portrait of Bishop Loughlin and an enlarged facsimile of a 1908 diploma from St. James Academy belonging to James Aloysius Phillip. Across the top were the words, “Religion, Morality, Knowledge.”

During his homily, Bishop DiMarzio said, “As I reviewed the history of Bishop Loughlin High School, I came upon the image of a pelican, a symbol of the Church as a Mother willing to sacrifice itself for its children. From its very beginning, Bishop Loughlin was built upon the sacrifices of the Church and its members.”

Students marched from St. James to Bishop Loughlin.
The students who attended the Mass at the cathedral represented the various clubs, societies and teams at Bishop Loughlin. As they assembled outside the church after Mass for the line of march, they unfurled school banners from Loughlin as well as from St. James Academy. During the walk to the school, they were escorted by an NYPD patrol car, all the while chanting “We Are Loughlin.”

Brother Dennis Cronin, F.S.C., led the procession of students through the Lafayette Ave. gate onto the track area through the cheering student body who formed a phalanx leading up to the side steps of the school. The school’s band played marching tunes, followed by the National Anthem, the school song, and a rousing rendition of “Happy Anniversary.”

During the ceremony, Bishop DiMarzio blessed a plaque commemorating the 75th anniversary. It will be placed on the Clermont Ave. side of the building.

Written By Ed Wilkinson for The Tablet

“If you look at the history of Loughlin, all you see is sacrifice to educate young people”

– Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio
2009 Angelo Consoli Award

On March 1, 2009, three talented alumni were awarded the Angelo Consoli Award at the Afternoon of Culture and Fashion. These three individuals participated in performing arts at Bishop Loughlin as students and have remained active in music throughout their lives. We thank them for sharing their talents with Loughlin and their communities.

Edward Smith ’47 started playing the piano at age four. When he came to Loughlin, he became one of Mr. Consoli’s top music students, playing with the orchestra as well as a number of chamber groups. He was a featured piano soloist for many school and community functions and was invited to play piano for WNYC, the prestigious classical radio station. Edward attended Manhattan College and graduated with a B.S. in Chemistry. As a college student, he played piano for the school choir and performed for a number of school rallies. He went on to receive a Master of Science at Niagara University. From there he worked for the Penn Drake Oil Company and then the Allied Chemical Corporation. He also taught at Newark College. Ed always maintained an active music career. He conducted the choir in the Third Order of St. Francis and the choirs at St. John the Baptist and St Therese. In his retirement, he is the music minister and choir director at St. Boniface in Florida. He performs regularly at several retirement and rehabilitation facilities.

James Walthour ’66 was an honor student at Loughlin and a member of a number of after school activities including drama, student council and the language club. In Freshmen year, James realized he had a great interest and talent in music. Mr. Consoli served as a friend and mentor to James, teaching him how to play the organ. James participated in a number of school music festivals, plays, benedictions and assemblies and became a member of the orchestra. From there he became the church organist at Our Lady of Good Counsel. Upon graduation James attended college and then joined the Army in 1972. Sadly James’ life came to an end in May of 1989. He is buried in Calverton National Cemetery.

Cal Payne ’84 was a first honor student throughout his time at Bishop Loughlin. He was an integral member of the Performing Arts Club and saxophone section leader in the school band. Cal received a music scholarship to Syracuse University and an academic scholarship to New York University which he accepted. During his time at NYU, Cal was a member of the NYU Concert Band.

Cal formed his first group in 1986, at the age of 18, and debuted at the legendary Sweetwater’s Cabaret in Manhattan. Since that time, Cal has performed throughout the New York Tri-State area as both a front-man and sideman with various local and regional bands and artists. In 2003, Cal formed the Cal Payne Project for which he functions as both front-man and composer. The Cal Payne Project has performed at many venues around the NYC Tri-State area. They have received extensive international, national and local airplay on radio stations devoted to Jazz and Nu Jazz and have been featured on BCAT cable and “On The New York Circuit.” In 2005, the Cal Payne Project was voted Best in Jazz by garageband.com.

Angelo Consoli Award Nominations

Anyone can nominate a Loughlin alumnus, faculty member or moderator for this award. We recommend collecting and presenting detailed biographical information to the committee for this competitive process. Please fill out the nomination form (attach information if necessary) and return to Louis Maffei, Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School, 357 Clermont Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11238.

Your Name ____________________________________________ Class ________
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Deadline for registration is Thursday, June 18, 2009. Please send this registration form and fees to Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School, Development Office, 357 Clermont Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11238. Questions? Call 718-857-2700 x2251.
Class of 1937

Thomas Garland died on September 8, 2008. May he rest in peace. Malachy Noone spent the most wonderful years of his life at Loughlin. He is a retired Allstate Insurance Co. agent after 46 years. He has eight children, 11 grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Class of 1939

Francis Spillane is “still alive” at 87. Louis M. Wagner passed away on Dec. 9, 2008. In 1986, he retired from Guerlain after 32 years. He was survived by his wife of 60 years, Amelia, daughter and son. He always spoke very highly of his excellent education received at Bishop Loughlin. May he rest in peace.

Class of 1940

Francis Martin, after retiring, spent a number of years in Parish outreach helping applicants for Medicaid and other public assistance. He now spends his time on the deck of his daughter’s beach house. Edward A. Eberhardt retired from the Army in El Paso, TX. He is coping with a number of pains and aches that go with 85 years but is still able to live independently, volunteering and playing duplicate bridge. He is happy to support Loughlin to continue providing excellent education as it gave him.

Class of 1941

Robert P. Auber lives in a retirement community in Matthews, NC. He is coping with a number of pains and aches that go with 85 years but is still able to live independently, volunteering and playing duplicate bridge. He is happy to support Loughlin to continue providing excellent education as it gave him.

Class of 1942

Gerald Forlenza’s Loughlin education helped him achieve success in life. Charles F. Grosse now is 85 years old. He taught English, History, Art, and Drama at Loughlin for 44 years from 1947-1991. Since retiring, he enjoys being a “Grandpa” to three grandsons. God bless everyone at Loughlin, forever!

Class of 1943

Urban C. Ambrose works one day a week. His wife, Johanna, of 60 years was taken by our Lord on January 29, 2006. He is bouncing back with the help of church members of St. Columbia. He misses the good days at BLMHS, his classmates, and of course the great teachings of the Brothers, especially his mentor, Br. Cornelius.

James J. McLean, M.D. is living with his wife on a lake in Maine. He does property maintenance, boating, skiing, bridge, and other things to fill in the time.

Dominic Percella has many fabulous memories of his years at Loughlin. He was captain of the 1943 Basketball Team and very close to those great Brothers that taught back then. The kids attending Loughlin don’t know “how lucky” they are.

William F. Reilly, M.D recently wrote a short history of his parish St. Bernard’s Levittown, NY on its 60th Anniversary. The parish was established to serve the veterans of World War II.

Class of 1944

John M. DeVivo will never forget the excellent teachers at Loughlin, the part they played in his education, the experiences they brought to his everyday thoughts, and the way he treats his family and friends. God Bless Loughlin for continuing to teach the highest standards of life.

Edward A. Eberhardt retired from the Army in El Paso, TX. Howard D. Lantz retired after serving 35 years with the FDNY and is currently enjoying retirement in Florida with his wife of 61 yrs – Helen (Edge) Lantz, a 1946 Bishop McDonnell graduate. They have 9 children, 14 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. His fondest remembrance of Loughlin was being in class with Brother Aurelius James Manus all 4 years—Religion, Latin and Homeroom, and all for $5.00 per semester book rental.

Edward F. Litt is recovering nicely from a heart attack suffered in 2008. He can’t wait for the upcoming softball season to watch his granddaughter, Heather Viola, who is a star pitcher for Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY.

Class of 1945

Walter M. Bradshaw is going to retire in 2009 and throw away his alarm clock.

Class of 1946

George S. Covak traveled from Barrington, IL to attend the 2007 Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner. He had a great time and enjoyed getting reacquainted with Gerry Klingler and Bill McManus after 60 years --- and you too Iggy Rienzo.

Thomas J. Fisher remains ever so thankful for his Loughlin years. He is also elated by the fine quality education and high standards the school still maintains for our present students.

Eugene F. Klausman and family have been Florida residents since 1995. Since all his children and grandchildren (6) lived there, it seemed like a good idea. His oldest granddaughter is a senior at the University of Florida and the youngest is still in her high chair. His oldest grandson is a full scholarship freshman at Yale, the others are in high school. Sadly, he recently learned of the death of Brother Adalbert James Norton, The Jamesonian moderator, in Barrington, IL to attend the 2007 Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner. He had a great time and enjoyed getting reacquainted with Gerry Klingler and Bill McManus after 60 years --- and you too Iggy Rienzo.

Class of 1947

Theodore H. Muenkel enjoyed seeing his old classmates Jim Beilman and Bob Judge in Rochester, NY.

John Scibelli, in a letter printed in the Brooklyn Tablet 11/8/08, conveyed his memories of Loughlin and how he acquired a love for literature while serving after-school detention.

Edmund K. Zahn M.D. (ret.) earned his wings as a Naval Aviator in 1950, then completed his BS at Fordham University and received his MD from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He practiced 10 years in NYC and then moved to Miami, FL with his wife and four daughters. One daughter is a Podiatrist turned science teacher, next one a Radiologist, next a Bank Compliance Officer and last an attorney who graduated Georgetown University. Dr. Zahn is retired, living in Melbourne, FL and enjoying his eight grandchildren.

Class of 1948

Charles E. Baxley, 78 years young, still jogs part of the way home from his Manhattan office, when weather permits. When he is stopped by a red light, he never forgets to say “thank you” to the light. He still works full time as
an intellectual property lawyer specializing in patents, copyrights, trademarks, and similar fun stuff.

Vincent P. Cosentino was sorry to read of the passing of Anthony (Butch) Apollo. They both ran Track in their frosh and sophomore years.

Edward H. Mergens has three grandchildren graduating college. One geologist from Ft. Lewis College, Durango County, one Veterinarian from University of Dublin (Ireland) and one chef from Culinary Institute of America-NY.

Alfred Palmer died peacefully in his sleep on July 31, 2008. He is survived by his wife Connie of 55 years, his six children and his 17 grandchildren. He attended St. John’s University and the University of Miami Law School. He served in the US Army in Korea and was a 25 year member and past president of Kiwanis Club. For 20 years he was involved in the Cursillo movement in Miami and founded the Catholic Lawyers Guild of the Archdiocese of Miami. He was a co-founder and proudly served for two years as President of the Guardianship Program of Dade County. May he rest in peace.

Class of 1949

Richard E. Fister, after almost 60 years after graduating, believes that BLMHS was the best education among many that he ever received. He congratulates BLMHS on the great work presently being done. Currently he is still operating his Banking Investment Company. He will be married to his wife Virginia for 55 years on August 21, 2009. He is enjoying his children and 12 grandchildren both in St. Louis, Missouri and Hilton Head Island, SC. He wishes peace and love to all.

James P. Lappin passed away 2/22/09 and his family wants to let us know he was very proud of being educated at Loughlin and he loved the school. He was a member of the BLMHS track team which holds the record for the most victories in the Penn Relays and numerous City Championships. During his track career, Jim set numerous records and medaled in over 50 races. He earned a full track scholarship to Yale, Manhattan College, Alfred University and St. John’s University which he graduated from with a BS in Financial Accounting in three years. Jim was former IBM executive, retired after 40 years of service. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy and six children. May he rest in peace.

Frank Waters has retired in Dublin, Ireland and would like to hear from any ‘49ers planning a Dublin visit.

Class of 1950

George F. Booser sends greetings to his grammar school classmate, Joseph Donohue ’50. He sees that they went in opposite directions for retirement.

John A. Dowd is still practicing law after 50 years. His partner is his daughter, Karen. Looking forward to his class 60th reunion.

Robert R. Hintz saw the Loughlin basketball team play at the Tampa Hoop Classic last year. What an excellent team and excellent game! Last year he met a waitress in North Carolina whose parents graduated from Loughlin as well as her uncle who received a sports scholarship to college.

John A. Kilkearry says “Keep up the good work!”

Thomas P. Reilly thanks God for Br. A. James McManus & Br. Louis (a friend) for kicking his butt! He is retired after 32 years in Financial Analysis and now working with American Airlines for 13 years and enjoying it all. “God Bless all the Brothers and teachers, my wife and I appreciate your work.”

Matt Szcesny, a former Red Sox Minor League player, manager and scout, as well as a Loughlin Hall of Fame member, passed away Sunday, January 3, 2009 after a long battle with cancer. May he rest in peace.

Class of 1951

Joseph V. Greene had a Class of ’51 mini-reunion with Bob Gallagher and Bob Campbell and none looked a day older than 75.

John H. Kineke and his wife Wilma (Bishop McDonnell alumna) rode up from Maryland for a family wedding last June and took a side trip to North Fork, LI to meet his classmate Jim Maino and his wife Marion. They rode the LIRR for 4 years together at Loughlin and had not seen each other for 57 years.

Joseph LeMay is a retired Professor of International Business and Political Science at Ramapo College of NJ. He received his BA from Penn State, MA from Georgetown and PhD from Fordham with post graduate studies at Princeton. He feels Loughlin provided a secure and stimulating environment for academic work.

William Sluka says the statistics showing a very high percentage of graduates going on to college are very impressive. Apparently BLMHS is continuing its historic excellent education. “Keep it going.”

Class of 1952

Gene Caiafa says Loughlin will always be first in his heart! Brothers Aurelius James McManus for Athletics and Brothers Edmund and Adelbert James for Academics – “Thanks so very much.”

Arthur R. DeSimone is making his annual gift in memory of Brother James Norton who we had for English, Religion, and Homeroom (311) 1950-52. Brother was always quoting G.K. Chesterton to us including “Christianity has never been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and left untried”.


Class of 1953

Vincent A. Abrahams’ wife, Valentina died October 2005 (May she rest in peace). He moved to Florida Nov. 2007 and is active as a Deacon at St. Patrick’s Parish in North Jacksonville.

Carmine J. Desio has four grandchildren in Massachusetts and three in Georgia. He sends regards to all his classmates.

Kevin Glynn is still looking at the grass from the green side after having successful aortic valve replacement surgery. He is glad he didn’t have to use one of his plenary indulgences.

Fred Keating found his old medal he received when he ran the lead-off leg of the mile relay (124 lb sub-novice in the “old Madison Square Garden in 1949). He also remembers playing handball with Paul and Ray at lunch time. He is still teaching College and even has an online class!

Clifton Morris passed away June 7, 2008. He graduated from Frendonia State Teachers College in 1957 with a degree in elementary education and received a masters degree in education from Hofstra University. He was director of math and computer education for grades K-12 and also director of federal funds for the Copiague School District before retiring in 1989. He was an active member of St. Mary’s Church in Bolivar. He was a trustee of the Bolivar Free Library and served as a member of the Bolivar-Richburg Central School Board of Education for four years.

Tom Myers is proud to report that his class had 12 young and healthy 73 year old classmates at their 55th Anniversary reunion. Retirement is great and is enjoying all the major sporting events in Cincinnati as a ticket taker.

Class of 1954

Russ Altman retired as an Adjunct Professor at SUNY-FIT.

Paul Kraus is eagerly awaiting his seventh grandchild.

Thomas Malone says “no more snow and icy roads for him”, is retired and living in Palm Harbor, FL.
Class Notes 1955-1960

William J. Swords retired after 40 years practicing medicine in Lansing and now works 2 days a week in a free clinic. He has three grown sons and nine grandchildren under age nine. He still runs and swims three times a week and remembers his frosh x-country and three years swimming team experience.

Class of 1955

Julius B. Chini has been a Professor of Mathematics at New York Institute of Technology for the last 25 years. He previously started in 1957 helping and initiating the field of Operations Research at three firms: CIBA-Geigy; Bank of New York; and Marine Midland Bank.

Joseph Walter has finally retired from teaching after 45 years. He has 20 grandchildren and enjoys visiting them in Virginia and California. He still remembers with joy his first homeroom teacher, Mr. Statile and Mr. Rogers in Biology.

Gerard R. Wilson just completed his 35th year as a firefighter in Village of Montgomery, NY and is active at St. Mary’s Church. He credits Loughlin with his learned classroom procedures used as a class room teacher and guidance counselor. He became a snowbird in Stuart, FL for five months a year.

Class of 1956

Eugene D. Alexander says to keep up the good work! As each year passes, he is more appreciative of the quality of the educational experience that BLMHS provided.

Robert J. Fudjinski remembers in 1953, Brother Lewis (Commercial Class) telling us to stay away from the Stock Market. He says his check would be much more had he heeded his advice. Semper Fidelis!

Anthony Giampaolo had a wonderful day of re-connecting with the Class of ’56 at the Alumni Golf Outing. He is now semi-retired and hopes to spend winters in Ft. Myers, FL.

Thomas E. McCarthy has happily retired and passed his Insurance and Financial Planning Company to his daughter. He is sorry to hear that Archie McCormick has passed away.

Theodore Fletcher remembers Brother Anselm who was a great teacher and taught him to enjoy Latin for four years. Graduated from St. Francis College in Brooklyn and became a social studies teacher and met wife in his first school. They have three wonderful sons. He is retired from the Board. of Education after 40 years of service (34 in the classroom and 6 years as Junior High Principal). He and his wife are both enjoying retirement by traveling and involvement in community service.

Frank Weber retired from teaching in 1999 and is enjoying volunteer work at Lincoln Center. He loves the many cultural opportunities of NYC.

Class of 1957

Robert J. Conroy just attended his 50th Class Reunion and thought that it was extremely well-run. He had a great time seeing old classmates and sorry more didn’t attend. Hopes the rest of the guys out there are doing well. The school still looks great but can use our help in the upcoming years.

Edmund B. Ganley and wife, Maureen, live in Spokane, WA. They have been married for 38 years and have 5 grandchildren. Ed received his BS from Monmouth College in NJ and spent his career in the Insurance Industry. He retired from the Washington State Insurance Commissioner’s Office.

John Magel dedicated his class gift to Br. Edmund Dwyer who as swimming team moderator visited him in the hospital after fracturing his leg in a diving accident every day for the entire month he was in the hospital. The help and direction Br. Edmund gave him simply demonstrates the love and dedication that the Christian Brothers have for their Loughlin boys.

Class of 1959

Dr. Robert G. Edmonds retired from a 28 year career in marketing and sales. He currently teaches at the Maritime College in the Bronx where he also serves as the Vice Chair of the Global Business and Transportation Department. He looks forward to visiting with the Class of 1959 at the 50th Anniversary in October.

Father James Schiffer has retired from the Air Force after 23 years as Chaplain, Colonel. He is presently Pastor at St. Theresa’s Parish, Windham, NY and St. John the Baptist in Greenville, NY in the Albany Diocese.

Class of 1960

Daniel Blanch retired after 46 years as a stagehand for the International Alliance for Theatrical Stage Employees, Local #33 in Los Angeles, CA. He has lived in LA for 38 years with his wife, Patty, and two children – currently residing in Burbank. He is proud to be a Loughlin alumnus!

Dom Camera celebrated 42 years of marriage last year with his wife, Catherine. He finished a three year term on the Board of Governors at St. John’s University. In 2009 he welcomed his fourth grandchild into the world. He will be featured in the ESPN 2nd quarter program on the US Football League and its history and impact on professional football and the growth of cable sports.

Robert F. Dunne currently is retired and living in a community with fellow Loughlinites, Kevin Daly ’61, Kevin Frain ’58 and Al Frazzitta ’56. He is looking forward to the 50th reunion next year.

Pat Farley is enjoying retirement and spending more time with his wife of 43 years and his 6 grandchildren. He is looking forward to 50th reunion next year.

Vincent Goodwin will be retiring in June after 45 years of teaching at St. Francis Prep. He always recounts his years at Loughlin fondly, especially the four years on the track team with great guys like Tyrone Pannell, Eddie Bowes, Jerry Sullivan and a long list of wonderful people. His wife Cathy retired last year after four decades as an RN. His son Patrick is still working at Computer Associates and daughter Kara is finishing her graduate work in bio/phys/pollution research at Washington State University. He looks forward to seeing some great old friends at the next alumni gathering.

Ron Gonella is still active in the Fullbright Association Alumni. He was very active in the Obama campaign and looks forward to a challenging and, hopefully, successful first term. He is also looking forward to the birth of his third grandchild in April 2009 and counting down to his 50th anniversary in October.

Frank Lackner celebrated the first birthday of his first grandchild, Abigail, in October 2008.

Kevin J. McManus died July 31, 2008. He graduated from the US Air Force Academy and became a pilot. He served in Vietnam alongside classmate, Jim Quinn ’59 until he was shot down in June 1967. He was a prisoner of war for 5 1/2 years. While on leave from Da Nang, Kevin had married his childhood girlfriend. After returning from Vietnam, Kevin and Mary Jane raised a family of seven children. Upon retiring from the USAF in 1984, Kevin worked in the private sector and lived in Northern Virginia.

Thomas F. O’Grady is enjoying retirement in Bonita Springs, FL. He met Kevin Daly ’61 who lives in Palmira Golf & Country Club.

Frank J. Russo, a retired Division Manager with Verizon & AT&T, will soon celebrate his 45th anniversary married to a ’61 Bishop’s grad. Frank & Bette, who reside in Port Washington, have seven children and 27 grandchildren. Frank’s now involved with numerous non-profit activities, including production of NYS’s largest public access TV program, The American Family Assn. Presents, and can’t wait to see his classmates at their 50th reunion next year.
Class of 1961

John J. Burns with his wife, Joan, are enjoying keeping up with their five young grandchildren. In 2008, he completed a tour of China and Thailand and is looking forward to touring Israel, Egypt and Jordan in April 2009. He is hoping to publish his poetry book this year.

Vincent DeMarco retired five years ago from Tottenville High School after working 37 years in the NYC Board of Education. He chose to attend Manhattan College because it was a Christian Brothers school. He is indebted and grateful to Loughlin and Manhattan the the Brothers.

Richard Fillon retired from Chevron Oil and now has a small consulting company doing geological research, specializing in climatological history of the earth. He has been married to Jerrielyn Olin for 44 years and has twin daughters who are both married. Elizabeth a physical therapist and Emily a bank officer.

Brother John Guasconi, FSC has been appointed Director General of the International Community of Brothers located at the Mother House in Rome, Italy.

Anthony Markert has accepted a new position at Safe Flight Instrument Corporation, because it’s too soon to retire from a long career in Electrical Engineering. “Thanks Loughlin for a good start in life.”

James P. McLoughlin worked 31 years with AT&T. He has completed eight years with the IRS and just received a promotion to Grade 7. Bro. Basil Stephen used to call him “Rifleman” after the TV show because of his sideburns and engineer boots.

Dr. Patrick Sullivan says it is always wonderful to read of the continued success of Loughlin’s students, most important to learn that the school’s mission of instilling good values, a strong work ethic, and compassionate hearts lives on.

Class of 1962

Howard Carlson has retired as a Battalion Chief from the New York City Fire Department after 40 years of service. His wife Janice has retired after being a nurse in the Emergency Room at New York Presbyterian-Weill Cornell Hospital for 21 years.

Thomas G. Grealy says the more the years go by the more he realizes what a special place Loughlin was and is. He remembers in prayer all those no longer with us especially good friend, Peter Hadhazy ’62.

Robert O. Moylan’s first granddaughter, McKenzie Lee, was born July 20, 2008.

William Murphy has moved to Lake Grove Condo after 31 years in Massapequa. He still coaches hoops at Farmingdale High School.


Edward Sullivan recently received the Leadership Award for Chapter Volunteer Service Recognition from the American Planning Association.

John Turano has sent a contribution in memory of his wife Margaret’s father, Benedict Valentine. When Benedict was a Christian Brother he taught at St. James (predecessor to BLMHS). Benedict’s brother Andrew remained a Christian Brother until his death.

Jack Tyniec has been elected Vice President of the Riverhead Free Library Board of Trustees. He was glad to see a number of classmates at the June Golf Outing on Long Island, including several members of the 1962 Championship Track Team.

Class of 1963

Jeff Albies retired from William Paterson University after 32 years as Associate Director of Athletics and Head Baseball Coach.

John J. Griffin is retired after a good business career working for Seagram. He is thankful to the Christian Brothers and the lay faculty who provided him with a wonderful education and a solid foundation for living. He wishes everyone all the best.

Joseph J. Staines is sorry he missed his 45th. See everyone for the 50th.

Peter Tonaccio retired from Exxon Chemicals after 33 years and is now restoring his grandfather’s house in Tuscany where he goes for one or two months each year.

Class of 1964

Dennis J. DeLisle has been Deputy Director of the NY State Financial Control Board for the last six years which is chaired by the Governor and oversees the finances of the City of New York. He received an MBA from the Harvard Kennedy School in ’93 and retired from USMCR as a Lt. Colonel in 1996.

Joseph M. Favuzzi celebrated his 36 year wedding anniversary. He downsized from a house after 36 years to a condo in Eastport, LI. He is still doing security work in Manhattan.

Charlie Gulotta says the lessons learned from being on the Loughlin swimming and water polo teams coached by Harry Benvento at the Brooklyn Central YMCA have helped him for the last 44 years. Teamwork, trust, confidence and hard work are only a few of the skills acquired while at Loughlin.

Class of 1965

James J. Bono became Chair of the Department of History at SUNY Buffalo in January 2009. In 2008, he spent more time at the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C., where he completed a draft of his new book. His son, Joe, works for Microsoft in Seattle, and his son, John, is at home attending SUNY Buffalo as a Junior Media Study major. He thinks often of the life-long importance of the education, values, and friends Loughlin generously provided. Loughlin made a difference in his life, and continues to do so for generations of new students and their families.

Gerard Gyski is Chair of the Political Science Department at Auburn University. He is still a Brothers’ Boy.

Alan Hoffman became a grandfather for the first time in 2008 when his daughter, Frances, gave birth to a son, Jesse, in Einstein Hospital in the Bronx, NY.

Dennis C. MacAuley and his wife, Sheila, became grandparents on June 11, 2008 with the birth of Henry Ryan MacAuley.

Bro. William Mann, FSC became President of Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota on June 1, 2008.

Brian E. Wood retired from the Army and is currently a Defense Contractor Vice President for Logistics Solutions, Joint Logistics Managers Prince George, VA.

Class of 1966

Lawrence Lograno retired from the New York Stock Exchange on June 2008. He spent his first summer at the beach since sophomore year in 1964. He is looking forward to the next class reunion.

Class of 1967

Robert Fernandez will always remember fondly his first big night out - the senior prom at the Astoria Manor.
Patrick Henry received the 2008 Tom McMillan Award for Editorial Excellence. Pat is a journalist and an educator who specializes in the graphic communications industry.

Anthony Medaro continued his education after Loughlin to attain two postgraduate degrees from The State University of New York at Buffalo and New York University. He is a board certified psychotherapist and addiction specialist with a full time private practice in San Jose, California and provides employee assistance consultation to many major Silicon Valley corporations. He lives and owns a home on top of a hill in San Francisco. Since his days at Loughlin he has always maintained his love for music as well as outdoor activities including alpine and technical climbing around the world (before his knees gave out) and currently is an avid road cyclist.

Class of 1968

Robert Tormey moved to Hawaii in 1980, after working for the New York Stock Exchange for 12 years, and worked for Lawrence Welks Resort Properties on Maui. In 1984 he met his wife Maya Palencia while on a business trip to Puerta Vallarta. They have been married for 24 years and live in Costa Rica where they buy and sell homes in their new development, a 77 acre coffee farm.

Frank Tuminello is a SVP – Asset/Liability Management – Bayen LB – NY.

Class of 1969

Robert F. Serrao has recently retired after 34 years as a Special Agent Law Enforcement officer - 13 years with Immigration Services in NYC and 21 years with the Office of Export Enforcement US Sept. of Commerce in NYC.

Class of 1970

Andrew Combs has been a Physician Assistant for nearly 30 years and currently works in Pediatric Urology at the Morgan Stanley Children’s Hospital in New York. He and his wife, Alexandra, will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary in October 2009. He looks forward to his class reunion in 2010 – 40 years! How fast it has all passed!

Antonio T. Michell is Chair MAPMG (M.D Atlantic Permanent) Board of Directors) 900 Doctor Medical Group Urologist. He lives in Silver Spring, MD and has four children. He is a prostate cancer survivor (3 years) and is learning to play golf.

Rev. Francis Passenent serves at Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs Forest Hills where Blanche Aeppli, wife of John Aeppli ’43, is a member. He forwards her the alumni publications which she enjoys.

Frank Penner retired from the US Army; 82nd Airborne Division and has a six year old son.

Class of 1973

John P. Kron can’t believe it has been 35 years since he graduated from Loughlin. It seems like yesterday he was taking a train to school. He had a great time while he was there and made many friends. He had some great teachers like Mr. Gehan – Math; Mr. Sermel – History; Mr. Andrews – Science; Mr. Zember – Accounting; and, Mr. Grosse – English.

Bernie O’Hara was recently described in an industry journal as “the Tiger Woods of reinsurance intermediaries.”

Class of 1974

Kenneth Emancipator, MD has moved to the Chicago area to accept a job to head up Medical, Regulatory, and Clinical Affairs at Abbot Molecular. He never dreamed he would be doing a corporate relocation at this stage of his life, but this seems to be his calling right now. He sends best wishes to all!

Class of 1975

Ramon Torres has positive and fond memories of Loughlin. Running on the track team helped him in developing and reaching goals throughout his life. He is glad to see that Loughlin is still a solid and influential foundation in the community. Though he currently lives in Leesburg, VA, his foundation was built in Brooklyn and he enrolls his kids in summer camp in NY for a week every summer to experience some of what he experienced in NY.

Class of 1976

Gary Morgan (Red) retired from NYFD as Police Instructor. He is a Real Estate Investor and Property Manager and a magazine consultant for nationwide distributed magazines.

Jules Taylor, Jr. sends best wishes to his classmates from 1980…and the Beat goes on.

Class of 1977

William R. Mitchell didn’t realize the long term relationships built at Loughlin he would have for life. His 20th reunion was awesome. It was great to see some of his inspirational leaders that are still there. Loughlin is still continuing the success it had 22 years ago. He will continue to donate to support our future leaders.

Class of 1978

Sharin Edwards-Mullins’ son, Rylan, is a kindergartener at Excellence Charter School. He is also a music lover and writer like his mom.

Class of 1979

Wendy Benita-Lewis has worked as a Programmer Analyst for nine years. She attended LIU, Brooklyn Campus and attained a BS in Nursing. She is currently working as an RN.

Class of 1980

Nyiisha T. Meaders-Gibbs is currently a “Household Engineer” raising four boys ages 9 – 3 years old. She has been married for 11 years to her husband, Robert, and resides in Poughkeepsie, NY. She attended the 10th and 20th reunions and enjoyed seeing and reconnecting with classmates and teachers. She encourages everyone to attend their next reunion.

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Class of 1984

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Class of 1985

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Class of 1986

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Class of 1987

Robert Cardona is living in his own apartment in Flatbush and is part of the Job Path program. He has many great memories and friends from Loughlin, especially Nancy Lynn Ward, Adrian Baptist, Ann Johnson, Stephanie Forbes, Roshanna Dunnings and Lanessa Favorite.

Class of 1988

Desiree Burke-Varner got married on Saturday, July 19, 2008 and has passed the CPA and CMA exam for the state of Delaware and North Carolina. She is the proud mother of a six year old daughter.

Reggie Jessie thanks Loughlin for being inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008. He had a baby girl named Isyss on February 23, 2008.

Taj Stewart is an Iraq War veteran.

Class of 1989

Renata Kontao was married on August 3, 2007.

Class of 1990

Tiffany Livingstone is currently studying for her MA degree in Urban Studies at LIU, Brooklyn Campus.

Frederica Pierre graduated from Rutgers University in 2005 and is a nurse at Maimonides Hospital.

Do you have news to share with your fellow Classmates? Send your Class Notes to: Janet Griffin, Alumni Events Coordinator at jgriffin@blmhs.org or contact her at 1.718.857.2700, x2251.
Bishop Loughlin expresses sympathy to the families and friends of these individuals.

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- Eugene J. Guarini ’58
- Arthur F. Whitley ’58
- John A. Braunagel ’59
- Dennis J. Cameron ’59
- John Ettlinger ’59
- Brian T. Fitzgerald ’60
- Tiberius H. Schuldner ’60
- Sidney J. Plateau ’61
- Kevin J. McManus ’60
- Thomas F. McNamara ’61
- David J. Shaughnessy ’63
- Richard M. Cichocki ’65
- Richard A. Snellings ’65
- Edward V. Price ’66
- Joseph S. Radford ’66
- Richard C. Rhatigan ’66
- Leon L. Crawford ’67
- Frank E. O’Leary ’68
- John F. Doherty ’69
- Benjamin D. Taylor ’69
- Raymond Young ’74
- Steven Lipsett ’76
- Adrian Midgley ’06

### Loughlin Family

- Mrs. Agatha (Bonnie) Alnwick  
  Widow of Mortimer Alnwick ’37
- Johanna Ambrose  
  Wife of Urban C. Ambrose ’43
- Diane Ryf  
  Wife of Louis V. Ryf ’52
- Valentina Abrahams  
  Wife of Vincent A. Abrahams ’53
- Marie Kranepool  
  Mother of Harry A. Kranepool ’58
- Bro. Daniel F. Casey, FSC,  
  Former Principal BLMHS 1980 – 1986
  and Former Faculty BLMHS 1958 – 1964
- Mrs. Marilyn Bratichak  
  Mother-in-Law of Mrs. Regina Bratichak,  
  Faculty at BLMHS
- Lucy Russo  
  Grandmother of Luann Avvento,  
  BLMHS Administrative Offices
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