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Assumption College Catholic High School Alumni Newsletter

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## President's Message

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Hmmmm, what to write? The deadline is in one week for the ACH Newsletter and I'm drawing a blank right now. I have already written about everything, including Bailey the dog, and retirement. I have bored everyone, including myself, and my wife, who types all my writings (because I refused to take typing from Mrs. Walker – great lady, RIP). For now, my mind is cluttered with March Madness, and picking the Michigan Wolverines to win the NCAA Championship by upsetting Gonzaga, Duke, and North Carolina.

Why the Wolverines? My father always supported the Big 10, he believed that tough defense beats good offence, and because my mother and father both attended U of M as freshmen. Jack "walked on" to campus and made the basketball and baseball teams, beating out scholarship players and recruits. He also grabbed football equipment for tryouts, but was quickly dissuaded by his much larger roommate who was a lineman, and his basketball teammate, Hall of Famer Ron Kramer. Jack stood 5'9" and 160lbs and loved physical contact, prelude to being a disciplinarian in room 112.

Why did Jack choose Michigan? Reason one was definitely the athletics programs. Reason two was the academics (although he struggled in sciences – I have his report cards from my grandmother); and reason three would have been because my mother, Jane, was going there too, and they were already dating by then.

Both of my parents grew up in the "thumb" of Michigan, with mother in Cass City and my father in the town of Gagetown, seven miles down the road. (Point of information learned is that ALL towns were away by seven mile increments for the stagecoaches with horses). Both parents agreed that the social scene on campus at the time had too many cliques and both decided to leave. My mother went to Alma College and my father back to Assumption College, where he graduated in the spring of 1958. They were married on June 13, 1958 (eloped) at Assumption Chapel by Father Pazik, and then Jack began teaching and coaching basketball (1958-1984) and football (1958-1966). What a year! And on that note, I guess I just completed another article.

I respectfully request that all alumni please continue to support Assumption, either by a donation to the Century Club, which provides financial assistance for the Newsletter, current students and school activities, the golf tournament, as well as ACH projects (eg. Chapel renovations and restorations) Secondly, support by submitting updates and/or articles about yourself, past or present, your family, or anything that would be of interest to your fellow alumni, for publication in the Newsletter. I know my wife, Dawn, would appreciate it and I would as well.

P.S. Always thinking of Mom and Dad, especially during March Madness!!

Raider forever,  
Hunt Hool `79



## Local Teacher *Susan Walker* Remembered For Singing, Dancing & Loving



With great love, we announce the passing of Susan Veronica Walker, surrounded by family on December 18th, 2018. Loving and dedicated mother to Angela (nee Walker), Michael Yakonich, and Kevin, Jennifer Walker. Susan provided a lifetime of 'Mema Memories' for her grandchildren, Brayden, Chase, Emmerson, Rhyan, Layla and Linus. Lifelong friend of Johnnie Walker with whom she shared her children and grandchildren. Susan was predeceased by her parents, Geraldine and Frederick Belanger, and is survived by her sisters, Marilyn Lemay (Ronnie), Fran Newman (Bobby) and Shelley Watson (Colin). She was a favourite aunt to many nieces and nephews. Sue will be deeply missed by her incredible circle of amazing friends who brought love, laughter, travel and light to her life – as did she in return. Sue was a Business and Co-Op high school teacher with the Greater Essex Catholic District School Board. After retirement she never slowed down. She was dedicated to a life full of spending time with her grandchildren and volunteerism. Volunteering is something Sue held very dear to her heart from a young age, and in retirement this included Cystic Fibrosis Canada, Trillium Gift of Life Network,

The Welcome Centre Shelter for Women, and Windsor Homes Coalition, to name only a few. Sue was also a member of the International Sigma Phi Gamma sorority which brought her to being involved in managing the annual holiday gift wrap event, benefitting Hiatus House and House of Sophrosyne. Sue was the strongest woman many of us have ever known. Until the very end she spent her life with an eternal soundtrack of Motown and the Beatles in her head, singing and dancing at every opportunity she was given. Always on the go with more energy, spunk and sass than anyone we have ever met, it was hard for people half her age to keep up. With a love for fitness and big biceps, Sue could often be found training with a group of women half her age and destroying her competition regularly. The world has lost the most incredible Mother, Mema, Sister and Friend but we take comfort in knowing we can channel her kindness, selflessness, generosity, infectious smile, laughter and energy to live our lives just the same as she did every single day. A celebration of Sue's life was held on January 5th, 2019 with music, dancing and stories of how Sue touched each and every one of us.

As family and friends took turns speaking at the celebration it became quite clear that Sue was a wonderful loving mother and grandmother who adored her children and grandchildren. An outgoing good friend who loved to make people laugh. Always willing to help others who needed it. A passionate volunteer with local non-profit groups, a favourite high school teacher, and contributor to the community as a whole. She is also known for singing and dancing every chance she had no matter where she was. She loved Motown and The Beatles to name a few. Fittingly, her life celebration featured live music performed by The 519 Band who graciously volunteered their time for the night.

"My mother told us she didn't want a funeral," says Sue's son Kevin Walker. "She told us she wanted In My life by the Beatles and My Girl played at her celebration funeral." And that's exactly what The 519 Band played during their sets.

In a Facebook post Sue's daughter, Angela Yakonich, said she was "the most wonderful mother, grandmother, and friend. The strongest woman we have ever known – we are trying to channel some of that strength. Selfless is an understatement as she was always thinking of how she could help others – and did that every day of her life. Always on the go with more energy, sass and spunk than anyone we have ever met. Our lives will never be the same, however we take comfort in knowing she was such a huge part of our children's lives; and we will forever remind them how much they were loved by their Mema." During the Life Celebration Angela said Sue was still doing volunteer work from the hospital and singing and dancing in her bed.

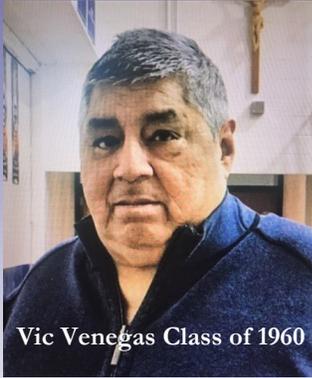
Laura Fontaine first met Sue when she was a student at Assumption High School in 1988, "probably catching me out of uniform in the hallway," she joked. Laura said she came up to speak because she had some stories that captured the essence of who Sue was and the kind of spirit she had. To Laura's horror she walked into the Sportsmen's Club to see her parents drinking with Sue. Her parents became good friends with Sue. "I went on to become a teacher and Sue was there when I graduated from University and teachers college," explained Laura. "She was at my wedding too, and go figure my first job as a teacher was at St. Joe's High School when she was there. She graciously volunteered me to be part of her softball team." "One night we were at the club, it was Halloween and my mom's birthday," says Laura. "So I asked my mom, where's Sue, she was like she's over there. When I turned around Sue was dressed as a priest, and I still didn't believe it because she was that convincing, she had drawn a mustache onto her face, she had the whole black outfit and white collar, and she even spoke in character."

Sue McKellar met her in grade 10 at St. Anthony Jr. High and says that Sue "was a bit of an instigator." Together with their classmates they would play tricks on their teacher. "It's funny that we became teachers, because we used to do crazy things for our grade 10 home room teacher, the poor lady." In one incident McKellar says, "we all got in before the bell, before the teacher came, and we hid in the coat closet at the back of the classroom. We were all in there, the whole class and then Sue of course would say, 1, 2, 3, and we all came bursting out of the coat room. The teacher didn't know where we were and she just about had a heart attack. Sue was always so much fun, I loved her dearly from grade 10 on and I had the privilege to teach with her at Assumption for the 8 years I was there, and then at St. Joe's."

Anna Sisti, retired ACS teacher and friend referred to Sue as, "an amazing person, great friend. She was the energizer bunny, always on the go. Sue always found the time to do things for others. She truly loved her family and friends. Sue loved to tell stories that would make anyone laugh." Rest in peace Sue, rest in peace.



## Holy Trinity AD's life stories revolve around giving kids a chance for a better life.



Vic Venegas Class of 1960

This is a story about a guy who has many stories to tell.

Too many to share in this space. "You want to write a book?" he asks. For now, I'll stick to this format.

Vic Venegas is one of those individuals who puts you at ease the moment you introduce yourself. That happened about three weeks ago. I had gone to Warren Regina to see a CHSL girls playoff semifinal basketball game. This Vic was sitting with another Vic — Michaels, director of the CHSL.

Introductions were made. "Just the man I want to see," I said to this Vic. What a happy coincidence. He had been on my "to-interview" list for a while.

Venegas, 76, was at the game to watch his granddaughter, Claire McClorey, play. She's a sophomore at Wixom St. Catherine of Siena. He and I huddled on the front row of the stands: I'm scribbling away while he's keeping an eye on Claire and entertaining me with all kinds of anecdotes about his life, his family, and his faith. "I was born and raised in Corktown," he boasts.

His father, Moses, dropped out of school and married when he was 18. His mother, Mary, was 21. "She was devoted to Our Lady of Guadalupe. She loved everyone. She was an angel and a saint."

"Maybe I shouldn't tell this," Vic says, "but my father won \$500 in a craps game and used the money to open a gas station and towing business in downtown Detroit. He was successful."

Vic had a brother and two sisters. "Our parents made sure we had a good education," he says. "Paul went to U-D Jesuit, Dolores to the girls Catholic Central, Laura to (Dearborn) St. Alphonsus."

In 1963, when Laura was 6 years old, "my father rescued her from their burning apartment building." The family relocated to Dearborn. Moses died in 1983, Mary in 2007.

Vic attended Assumption High School in Windsor. He played baseball and football. "For three years, when Reno Bertoia (who lived in Windsor and attended Assumption University) played for the

Detroit Tigers, he would pick me up from school and drive me home."

A week before his graduation in 1960, Vic was hit in the right eye by a baseball. "I was sitting in the dugout waiting to bat when a line drive came right at me. I lost 90 percent of my vision in that eye. "The doctor let me out of the hospital so I could attend graduation ceremonies."

In 1961, Vic was 18 when he was hired by the pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Msgr. Clement Kern, as the school's athletic director, a responsibility he still cherishes 59 years later.

"I started the athletic program but had no money. I met (the late) Frank Guyott (sports editor of *The Michigan Catholic*) who wrote an article. I give him all the credit. We received thousands of dollars and donations of uniforms and equipment."

Vic ticked off names of community movers and shakers he's met who generously support to this day the parish's outreach programs for the poor and vulnerable and the school — capped off by an anonymous gift of \$2.5 million for a new gym, slated to open in September.

"Having our own place will save us about \$10,000 a year we pay to rent places for our kids to play," Vic says.

Annually in January, a Championship Day fundraiser is held to defray the costs of running the athletic program that offers baseball, basketball, soccer, softball and cross country. Vic and the coaches are volunteers. "I have not received one penny," he says.

For about the last 10 years, Corktown, Detroit's oldest neighborhood, is in a stunning revival mode. The old Tiger Stadium site at Michigan and Trumbull Avenues has been developed into a youth sports facility. Restaurants, houses and apartments are sprouting seemingly daily. Ford Motor Company bought the long-abandoned Michigan Central Station with a promise to restore the building to magnificence and bring thousands of new jobs and new people to the area.

"There's new life here," Vic says. He thinks in time enrollment at Holy Trinity School could nearly double to 300 students.

Vic's late wife, Julie, was a cheerleaders coach. They married in 1964 and had three children: David, Marisa and Monica. Julie passed in 1987.

David was quarterback at Dearborn Divine Child and went on to Albion playing for the MIAA championship. He's a human resources officer at Nissan. His son, Josh, played for Walled Lake Western's state football champs. Josh, by the way, will be graduating this spring from Northwestern University and will pursue a career in medicine. Vic proudly points out he'll be the sixth of his 10 grandchildren who are college graduates. Monica Higgins was a member of

Divine Child's 1989 state basketball champs. She went on to Bowling Green University, and is likewise in human resources for an engineering firm in Southfield.

Her son, Nolan, is a freshman at Orchard Lake St. Mary's and plays three sports. Marisa McClorey is a Michigan State grad and is involved in a cosmetics sales. Her son, Brandon, played football at Novi Detroit Catholic Central. He went to Albion.

Vic's brother Paul was quarterback and captain of the 1967 U-D Jesuit football squad. A Michigan State alum, he owns an insurance agency. A generous donor to Holy Trinity, he funds a scholarship for boys going to U-D Jesuit.

One of his recipients is Christian Armstrong, a sophomore at U-D and manager on the top-ranked Cubs' basketball team. Now, while all of this was going on, Vic went to Michigan for a real estate degree.

"One day, Msgr. Kern says to me, 'I got a job for you at Wayne County.'" The job lasted 25 years, most of the time directing the county's real estate properties.

In the early 2000s, when the Detroit area was a hot location for Hollywood, Vic was a VIP chauffeur for some of its biggest stars, among them, Al Pacino, Robert DeNiro, Billy Crystal, Drew Barrymore and Sigourney Weaver.

"One day, cold like it is now, Pacino was making the Dr. Kervorkian movie in Royal Oak. He saw a man standing around watching, holding a 2- or 3-year-old boy. He yelled out, 'Take that baby home and I'll give you an autograph.'

"Later, as we were driving out, Pacino tells me, 'Stop the car.' He noticed the man, and got out of the car to give him his autograph. He was a real nice guy."

What's the bottom line? What drives Vic Venegas?

"My motivation is children, that they get an education to get a better life. With education and discipline, kids can become better citizens. This is true of my own family.

"I've done well, and I want to give back." That sounds like a good plot for a book!

You can reach Vic at his phone number...

1 (313)682-1820.

## Alumni Volunteers Needed

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**VOLUNTEERS** are needed as contacts and organizers for activities at the 2020 Reunion. The Alumni Reunion Committee would like to organize special activities/reunions during the reunion weekend, Nov. 12-14, 2020, such as a baseball/football reunion, (place to be determined) an ACH Alumni hockey game on the Friday night, with rehydration and a get together for all teams afterwards.

By noon Saturday, many activities will be in full swing at the school. This includes a reunion volleyball and basketball game in the Fr. Armstrong gymnasium, with a reunion of cheerleaders and Pep band on the sidelines. Of course, with further hydration required afterwards at the Dominion House, prior to attending the dinner and Gala at Caesars Windsor. Other activities such as Drama club, Chess, Reach for the Top, CACH, etc. are all possible with enough volunteers.

Please contact the Alumni at by email [achalumni@gmail.com](mailto:achalumni@gmail.com) or (519) 256-7801 ext. 2225 if you are interested in helping Hunt Hool and your Alumni organize these activities.

**NOVEMBER 14, 2020 at Caesar's Windsor**



## Assumption Golf Tournaments

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### Fr. Sheedy Alumni Golf Tournament

The 39th annual ACH Alumni golf tournament was held June 1, 2019, at Roseland Golf Course. The clubs were dusted off. Classmates gathered, and it was a great day with a golf course full of purple and white. Thank you for another amazing day. Results and pictures to follow in the next Newsletter. Thank you, Gary and Hunt!

### Boniferro/Landry Golf Outing

Once again, family, friends, teammates, and acquaintances of Guy Boniferro '80 and Mark-Landry '78, gathered on Saturday, May 11, 2019, for 9 holes at Kingsville Golf and Country Club. A great time for sharing stories and having fun.



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**Saturday November 14th, 2020**

**3PM** Mass with Bishop Ronald P. Fabbro, C.S.B.  
Mass in Assumption's Father Armstrong Gym  
**6PM** Celebration Dinner @ Caesars Windsor  
Live Music by Big Louie and the Band  
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## Assumption Church Issues Tenders for New Copper Roof

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A tender has been launched for Phase 1 of construction to refurbish historic Assumption Church, starting with a new copper roof.

Six prequalified contractors — all local — have been invited to bid on the \$2.27-million project which also will include asbestos removal and a new heating system installed at the landmark 174-year-old church located at the corner of University Avenue West and Huron Church Road.

“All work approved will be pay as you go so there is no debt to the parish,” local lawyer Paul Mullins, assigned by the Diocese of London to help determine the church’s fate, said Thursday.

“It is big investment and lot of employment associated with this work. The local community is helping to fund this, so (retaining a local contractor) recognizes the community and is giving back to them, as well.”

The diocese is contributing \$1 million to launch the first phase of renovations — expected to start in mid-May — with community donations paying for the rest. But there remains a \$482,000 shortfall for the initial project to repair the crumbling church, Mullins said.

To help offset the balance required, it was also announced Thursday a copper shingle fundraising campaign was being launched. Residents can pay \$250 per shingle on which their name will be inscribed. Up to 3,500 shingles will be available to raise funds with potential proceeds in the range of up to \$875,000. Once in place, the new copper roof will have a lifespan of 100 years.

Assumption Church was shuttered in 2014 due to its poor and unsafe condition. Parishioners were relocated to Holy Name of Mary church a dozen blocks away.

The latest estimate to fully repair Assumption is \$14.5 million. But a 20-per-cent contingency allowance, taxes and specialist fees have put the safety net at \$20 million.

The current bid to save the church has been bolstered by a \$5-million commitment from local philanthropist Al Quesnel. But he will only hand over the funds provided others match his offer by the end of July.

While several pledges have been received, to date only \$2.525 million is in hand — leaving a shortfall of \$2.475 million needed to match Quesnel’s offer. “We have received some promises, but we need to formalize those commitments into cash,” Mullins said. Quesnel on Thursday confirmed his offer remains on the table.

“I’m just patiently waiting for somebody to step up to the plate,” he said. “We made the pledge a year ago. I have agreed to push the (original) deadline from Easter to this summer, so hopefully we get the support in the meantime. It’s nice to see the Diocese replace the roof. It will help stop further deterioration of the building.” Quesnel said his interest is driven by saving something of great historic value for the community.

“It’s the oldest (parish) west of Montreal,” he said. “I’ve had my hat in the ring on this from day one. We still have a few months to go (for his offer to be matched), so hopefully people will help.”

If all goes well, there is a chance mass can resume at Assumption Church this fall. But that will be better known after the roof work is completed and whether it causes any damage or safety issues with aging plaster on the ceiling inside the church.

“If plaster remains safe then we will move back here for mass,” said the church’s pastor Rev. Maurice Restivo. “The response to this has been overwhelmingly positive. People are really thrilled things are starting to take place. That’s not only great for the parish, but for Windsor-Essex. Buildings like this have incredible symbolism for the whole community.”

Fr. Maurice Restivo, C.S.B., is also the Chaplain for Assumption College Catholic High School, Assumption College Catholic Middle School and St. James Elementary.

## Purchase a Shingle

Assumption Church was built in 1842 on land donated by the Huron people 252 years ago. Assumption Parish is the oldest parish in Canada west of Montreal. The church was closed 5 years ago but hopes to reopen in the fall of 2019.

A new copper roof is the first step toward a total restoration of this historic edifice. A fundraising campaign to support Assumption Church's new copper roof has now been launched. For \$250, you can purchase naming rights to a copper shingle.

Visit the link to donate to our cause: <https://assumptionparish.ca/roof>

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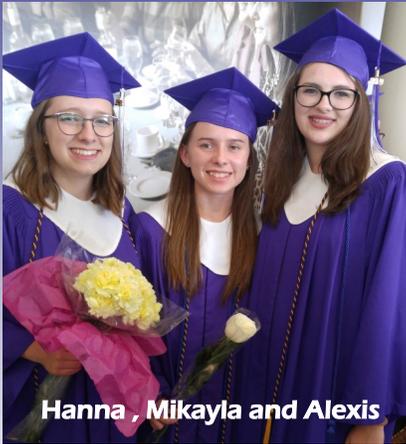
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## We Are With You All the Way!



**Hanna , Mikayla and Alexis**

Three young ladies who have spent the vast majority of their lives together say the foundation of their friendship and their academic success is rooted in the life lessons they were taught in local Catholic schools. Hannah Mills, Mikalya Oliver and Alexis O'Neil all started kindergarten together at St. Christopher Catholic Elementary School. They remained best friends through to their Grade 12 graduation from Assumption College Catholic High School. They all enjoyed a positive learning experience that helped them become successful, young women. For the first time since they were five years old, they have taken their education in different directions. Mills is attending the University of Waterloo in the Arts and Business program, Oliver is at the University of Toronto in the Humanities program and O'Neil is in the Biomedical Sciences program at the University of Ottawa. They agree that the values and education they received at their elementary and secondary schools played a pivotal role in shaping them today and setting them up for success after graduation. "The teachers worked hard to instill values in students," said Mills. "It was often the simple things like treating others how you would like to be treated, working to the best of your ability and treating others with fairness and respect."

Looking back, she fondly recalls Miss Cooper and Mrs. Azar as her favourite teachers. "I had Miss Cooper in Grades 1 and 2. She was really encouraging of all students and made me enjoy going to school." O'Neil also fondly recalls Mrs. Azar as one of her best teachers. "She would push me to go above and beyond what I thought I was capable of," she said. "She constantly challenged me to do my absolute best and was the first teacher who inspired me to become dedicated to my academics. Mrs. Azar's passion for teaching was shown everyday through her enthusiasm and excitement and willingness to help us succeed. I still go out of my way to visit her when I can because she was just so amazing." Oliver and O'Neil both cite Mr. Conlon as their favourite high school teacher. "He was an amazing teacher who could engage students. He made students eager to learn and personally it helped me discover my love of history, reading and writing. His enthusiasm pushed me to work harder," said Oliver. O'Neil had Mr. Conlon for three years and recalls that he made class exciting and entertaining. "Mr. Conlon made sure each of our opinions were heard in class discussions and always helped us out when we got stuck," she said. "Both of these teachers have inspired me to consider teaching as my future profession because their passion has had a lasting impact on my education and I would love to pass that on to a future generation one day."

When she reflects on her experiences in elementary and secondary school, she is grateful for the advantages a Catholic education provided about learning about different religions. "It really opened my eyes to different perspectives, cultures and beliefs and broadened my scope for sure." Like her friends, O'Neil found the lessons taught in the Bible to be invaluable. "I was taught respect and love and compassion and how to truly care for the people around me through various parables and stories found in the Bible," she said. "This has carried through to my young adult years as I have been able to form meaningful friendships with the people I have met in high school and now university."

One of the highlights for all three women was the exposure and interaction with people from different cultures. "Assumption is a very ethnically diverse school," said Mills. "It really benefited me. I saw first-hand that it doesn't matter your religion or your race, we can all co-exist." O'Neil is also grateful for attending a school with vast diversity. "The most valuable experience I had in high school was the world religions course," she said. "For my entire life, I had only been exposed to Catholicism and only knew the bare minimum about other faiths, which was unfortunate because we celebrate the fact that Windsor is such a culturally diverse city. Taking world religions gave me a greater appreciation and broader understanding of the different cultures and practices around me allowing me to become more open minded and globally aware moving forward."

Although the women have different career paths, they know that the foundations formed at their Catholic elementary and secondary schools will make them life-long friends. Their academic motivations helped them to encourage one another throughout the years. In addition, they have been friends for such a long time they understand the value of true friendship. "I gained so many valuable experiences and memories through volunteering and being so involved at school with Hannah and Mikayla," O'Neil said. "I could not imagine my school experience without them. We also made it through some pretty rough times together, especially in high school. Having such a great support system was amazing. I would not be the person I am today if I did not have them by my side."

Educational experiences highlighted by these three women are not unique at the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board. Teachers recognize values are paramount inside and outside of the classroom and make a concerted effort to understand and get to know each student to better promote their intellectual, spiritual, emotional and physical well-being. Learning environments are created to be positive, welcoming and safe where every child can achieve success.

## Century Club Contributions

Thank you

*The Century Club is composed of those former students and friends who have contributed \$100.00 or more within a given year to the Alumni Fund to sponsor Alumni Activities including the Newsletter. The following are individuals who have generously made a contribution. Thank you for your continued support.*

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Mary Nicol—Mother's Club Member  
Dr. Michael Ziter—father of Michael Jr. '66, Mary Lee '74, Dale '75, Christine '81  
Honourable Mr Justice John Brockenshire '51  
Gary Malloy—retired teacher  
Dr. George VanderZanden '50



## Assumption HS Graduation 2019

June 26, 2019

129 Graduates

*Assumption Parish—McEwan Site*  
*Fr. Maurice Restivo C.S.B - Celebrant*  
*Mr. Dwayne Brunet '88—Principal*  
*Ms. Elisa Houston and Ms. Melissa Cavallin—VP's*  
*Ms. Linda Presello '81—Campus Minister*

*Emmanuel Azzopardi '79* – “Hi guys, I apologize for disappearing all these long years. It was great to see the article about Father Q. I have fond memories of him in my Biology classes and Jack Hool. I have diligently read the newsletters for years to hear about everyone. I have returned to Cottam, Ontario after many years living in South Windsor. I have three lovely grown children and 6 grandchildren. Single these days and loving to travel the world. P.S. It was great to see you, Hunt.”

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## ***Sudden passing of Gary Malloy: Colleague and Friend...***



*"Gary brought the best out in his students and set the bar high as an educator. He listened to everyone and spoke from the heart. Gary's words of wisdom and unique sense of humour will be missed."* **Brian Zanier, ACS Teacher**

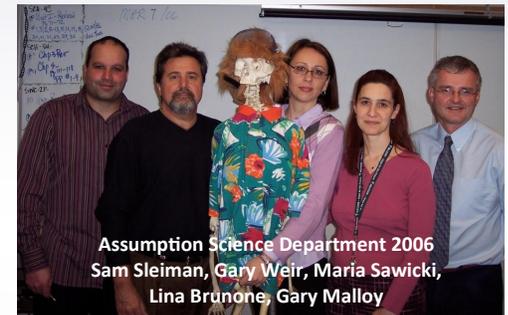
*"Gary was truly a humble servant. His Catholic Faith was strong and his actions stronger. ACS can drives, Devine Mercy, St Vincent de Paul, and students in need. Gary was always willing to serve others. He certainly had a heart of gold."*  
**Linda Presello, ACS Campus Minister**

*"Gary will always be remembered for his passion, kindness and sense of humour!!!"*  
**Amy Weir, ACS Teacher**

***"A man who always put a smile on any ones face. He taught us how to have fun and work hard. Un homme inoubliable."*** **Nicolina Paciocco, ACS Teacher**

"I had the privilege and great joy of working with Gary Malloy as we both taught science at Assumption College High School. Gary had always been a wonderful colleague, mentor and friend. I loved watching him teach. Very knowledgeable and competent, Gary frequently used humor and his fantastic story telling talent to make his lessons unforgettable. I will never forget how he taught grade 12 biology, using different accents to talk about molecular genetics. The students were super engaged and at the same time roaring with laughter. His kindness and ability to see goodness in everyone was also evident when working with our struggling learners. As many of our students come from difficult backgrounds, Gary was there to offer his support both as a teacher and as a coach. He engaged kids, made them feel proud of themselves, loved them and cared for them. Gary was one in the million! I am very grateful that God blessed me with the opportunity to meet Gary Malloy. He has taught me so much and his wonderful positive attitude continues to inspire me to be a better person every day."

**Maria Sawicki, ACS Teacher**



**Assumption Science Department 2006**  
**Sam Sleiman, Gary Weir, Maria Sawicki,**  
**Lina Brunone, Gary Malloy**

*"One thing that I shall always remember, among many other things, is that for Gary's one and only retirement celebration speech in the cafeteria, he chose with his own God given free will to use that platform for the Greater Glory of God (not himself) by directly and openly witnessing, reading Holy Scripture and openly claiming that anything less would be a misuse of his Being. His co-operation with the 7 Gifts of God the Holy Spirit truly channeled the Grace of our Lord Christ Jesus, with the Holy Spirit in the Glory of God the Father, the Most Blessed and Holy Trinity, One God Forever and Ever Amen WOW!! I am so so grateful and honoured to have been present at that moment in time. We must account for everything we choose here on earth. Thanks Gary."*

**Jason Walker, ACS Teacher**

*"Gary was an excellent, wise, intelligent, honest and compassionate leader. He taught my own children in Science, 20 years ago. His sharp sense of justice...he liked to wear a blue shirt and red tie to convince people about his ideas. Gary was able to spread the message of very objective and positive sense of common good. He saw the best in every human being around him. He had a smile for everyone. Gary was a man of true sincere faith, who lived his life by an example of our Lord Jesus Christ."*  
**Ania Grabka, ACS Teacher**

*"You can help kids all you want, they will find a million ways to disappoint but you cannot take it personally!"*

**Jolayne Conte, ACS Teacher**

*"Gary was a gentleman of gentlemen. He truly put student's needs before his own."*  
**Leslie Spickett, EA Assumption**

***"G3" An awesome teacher and colleague. Gary was very dedicated to his students and student athletes. He was always willing to share his perspectives and ideas. A good friend."***

**Gary Weir, Retired ACS Teacher**

## Festivals of Music - Assumption Raiders



The Assumption music program competed at the Festivals of Music competition in Chicago at the end of April. They faced stiff competition as there were many bands in attendance from all over North America and Canada. Many of these schools were 4 times the population of Assumption. Despite the stiff competition the Assumption bands shined when it was their turn to perform. The adjudicators praised their overall performance and were impressed by their preparation and overall professionalism. Both bands earned a top rating of “Excellent” . The Assumption concert band placed 3rd narrowly missing first place by 1 point, while the Assumption Jazz band placed 2nd! Fantastic results considering all the amazing competition at the Festival. We are very proud of our students for all their hard work throughout the year. Congratulations to Mr. Zanier, the music students, their parents and guardians for the tremendous amount support and dedication. *Proud to be a Raider!*

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