

# The Crusader

A Southern California "Keystone"  
1934 to 1976



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## Join us at the Padre Golf & Tennis tourney May 16th

ITS almost here, the 16<sup>th</sup> of May, at the California Country Club, Whittier, the annual Mt. Carmel Alumni Foundation Golf and Tennis Tournament. It all started 17n years ago as Padre Golf by Fr. Richard Nagle and alumnus from Mt. Carmel's 30s, 40s, and 50s. The purpose then was to arrange for Social Security and Medicare benefits for the priests and brothers in the New York Province of the Carmelites. The elderly priests had no benefits at all since they took the vow

of poverty when they became Carmelites. Needless to say, something had to be done and after 15 years of Tournaments,



Class of 1950 members are some of the strongest supporters of MCAF events, here are some at last Padre.

enough money was put aside to have everyone enrolled in Social Security etc. No man, aged 65, who spent his whole life teaching in high school, without ever having earned a salary should have to go on welfare if he became ill.

FATHER Nagle died three months after the last man was covered. At that point, the Mt. Carmel Alumni Foundation was formed. The years of putting on Padre Golf had resurrected the closed High School and a mailing list of about 1200 names of alumni was put together. Today, thanks to the graduates of the late 50's, 60's and the 70's, our lists of

### Northwest "network" for MCAF sought

If Mickey Masdeo, 1953, can pull it off, there will be a Pacific Northwest network set up in the coming months.

Mickey moved north after a long career in real estate in the South Bay of SoCal and now calls Birch Bay, Washington home.

If you are a Carmel alum and live in the five state Northwest Region, contact Mickey at [mmasdeo@cacdc.org](mailto:mmasdeo@cacdc.org) or write him at 4872 Lighthouse Dr, Birch Bay, WA 98230.



Emmett and John Kinney at last golf tournament..

alums are at 3000. In the past three years we have defined our purpose, to give support to the Carmelite Fathers and to the Catholic grammar schools in the Mt. Carmel area where we all grew up. With donations and the help of our Golf Tournament, the first year we were able to give away \$30,000. Last year \$45,000., and

this year our goal is \$60,000. All this is thanks to you.

"THE Golf Tournament is our main source of income outside of donations and raffle tickets. We have asked for your support by mail and phone calls for the past two months. If you play either golf or tennis or come to the dinner we guarantee you a wonderful day," stated Al Alessandra, MCAF Chairman..



Always smiling MCAF board member Kay Felix,

### MCAF, Crespi hold positive meeting, mutual interests explored including "Carmelite" sports Hall of Fame

In early March Al Alessandra and Tom Baumgartner met with Father Tom Schrader, O' Carm, President of Crespi Carmelite High School and Brett Nordyke, Alumni Relations Director at Crespi to discuss items of mutual interest between MCAF and Crespi. As a result of the meeting, timely announcements of selected Crespi activities that could be of interest to Mt Carmel Alumni will be published in The Crusader.

Also a discussion of converting the top floor of the Priory in Encino for a home for retired Carmelite priests and brothers provided insight into the need for continuing financial support of this mission. Of most immediate concern is the fundraising to build an elevator in the Priory. Please refer to the item in the January 2005 issue of The Crusader for more information.

The meeting then led to a discussion of the All Class Reunion held last September. Both Fr. Tom and Brett commented that

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The purpose of the Mount Carmel Alumni Foundation is to provide financial assistance to the Carmelite Community and to elementary schools in the Los Angeles area that have provided our alumni with an excellent education. MCAF publishes the Crusader newsletter and assists in regular event planning for the information and fellowship of Mt. Carmel alumni.

## Letters from Your classmates



Dear Tom,

If possible, I would like to acknowledge the article written by Mark Butier in the Jan. issue. "Thanks for the Memories." Well it's only been 58 years. Imagine my recollections being brought to mind when Mark Butier wrote the article remembering the 1947 C.I.F. champion basketball team. I would like to thank him for the paragraph mentioning myself, but most of all, he brought back the memory of my teammates. He did a great job highlighting their attributes and this only emphasizes the strength of Mt. Carmel alumnus. Find me another publication that would go back 58 years to highlight a team and its members.

Mark was a member of the team, but to be honest with you, he didn't get as much playing time as he should have. Marty was a great man and coach, but he didn't play the reserves very much. This was shown as a mistake when Mark later went on to play for Santa Clara University.

Looking forward to the golf tournament this year, because where else can you renew friendships originating so many years ago? Don't know anyone that can replace you Tom, but thanks for a job well done.  
Jack Putney, Class of '47

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Per our conversation yesterday, I would like to get added to the mailing list for the Crusader. I have not heard of any reunions for the class of 58. I would be interested in attending if one were organized. We are approaching 50 years.

Tom Grimm (58)  
tjgrimm@pacbell.net

Editor,

Alright! I'm tired of having to tell this secret, one on one, like I had to do at the '04 All-Class Reunion . . . about how we got away with the smutty captions under the casual pics in the '63 annual. So many guys came up to me, asking me the question since I was the editor in chief of the suspect publi-

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Dear Crusader,

Just received my first edition of the newsletter. Probably thanks to someone from the reunion committee. As I read the welcome news, the name of one of my early heroes jumped out at me. In 1951, Joe Zabuska was a Senior when I was a lowly Freshman struggling to adapt to a new school and regimen very different from my public school beginnings. Just getting to Mt. Carmel was a problem since I lived in East L.A. My thumb or a bus was my chosen mode of transport. It was pure luck and Joe's thumb (his car was disabled) that put us on the same corner one morning. When I saw his Carmel jacket it was clear that this was someone I had to get to know.

Soon, Joe's car was back in service and he often became "ride choice number one." For that first difficult year, a year in which I came very close to dropping out, Joe provided more than just a ride. He was supportive and friendly, even to a Freshman, even helping me with my Algebra (Fr. Murphy's class) after a three week break from school. A true friend and mentor. If I had left school, my future would have been vastly different. I met my wife of 47 years through a Carmel classmate. Our children and grand children would belong to someone else. For his part in all this, I would like to say thanks to Joe for showing the true Mount Carmel spirit. I hope you have been equally blessed and I hope I didn't bug you too much trying to be your shadow.  
Ralph Odenwald, Class of '55

cation - I've decided that the only way not to be obliged to tell it again and again, this next reunion, is to put it in this issue of "The Crusader".

We on the annual staff were blessed with an intelligent faculty advisor (really, our monitor), Fr. Fidelis Limcaco. Smart and paranoid, he was - a tough defense to crack. Somebody realized that our main advantage was superior language skills. Fr. Fidelis didn't grow up with colloquial English; he was a grad of "English as a Second Language" night classes.

The real coup was in a battle forced on us by necessity. At the end of the production timeline, we put in 4 full pages of "Karmel Korn" before the Sports Section. This time, Fr. Limcaco got the jokes. So, he put together his own 4 pages - all of Sodality members; and he substituted them for our winningest work, without telling any one of us, just as the package was about to go out to the printer.

I discovered the crime, just because I made that one last check of the package's contents. So, I found the originals (He didn't have the audacity to destroy them.). I put the originals back into the package for the printer and drove down there myself, late at night to deliver the

final proofs. Nobody caught the switch, until the book was out. Only a couple of prudish remarks were thrown my way. In the end, I'm still proud of our annual. Especially, I like the funny captions to the casual pics.

Chuck Hurd '63

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Thanks for the copy of the November Crusader. I enclose my \$25 and look forward to future news and getting in touch with some classmates.

Paul Moriarty, '58  
moriarty@uwplatt.edu  
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Tom,

Fritz Armenta sent me a copy of the Crusader. I've lived in the South Bay (Gardena/Torrance) for 36 years and the same home for 33 years. I didn't know such a newsletter existed. Enclosed is a donation, thank you for adding my name to our list. By the way, Thomas Warner, '56, John O'Brien, '56, and Larry Rasch, '56, are working on our upcoming 50 year reunion.

Bill Christensen, '56  
925-648-1103  
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## Egg on my face....

Seems like this age thing has gotten to me. That or the 90 day rebuild (ending April 1st) of my '49 For-Vette occupied my head too much and somehow, I lost the name, phone number and email address of the alum who has volunteered to come on board to work the Crusader.

**Please contact me again!!!!** And in the meantime, here's a shot of my project, just before heading to Redding (1200 miles RT), the second week in April. —Tom Pinard.



## More memories of Carmel sports.....

Really enjoyed Mark Butier's article on the '47 team. I was privileged to be connected to the team. Sport's editor of the Crusader, newspaper contact, and scorekeeper at times. Father Nagel brought the team into the big time. Games were played at the Shrine and Olympic Auditoriums. The real mastermind behind the success of the team was Marty Martinelli. He shaped the team in our Junior year and by not letting Dykes and Putney play football had all ready to go in our senior year. It was a remarkable year. Winning 35 and losing only 2 was unheard of. The press as the season progressed gave more coverage. I dealt with the sports writers from all four L.A. papers. We even had radio broadcasts of our games with St. Anthony's of Long each. The loses came against Washington , with All City players Chet Noe and Don Eby with Mick Mount missing because of his mother's funeral and Cathedral at the Olympic. We could not handle the narrow court and the zone press. It was a good way to focus on the playoffs.

Reaching the CIF playoffs the first year the Catholic league was in the CIF was outstanding. The finals played against Whittier in a hostile gym of the Quaker town was exciting. Brennan took care of their star Ed Hookkstratton, but nobody could stop Wayne Kopren who scored 33. Fortunately the balanced scoring took them to the win. A great moment in the school's athletic history.

The team defense was tough. Martinelli had a knack for calling time outs at the right time and getting them back on track. It's a shame the three point line was not there. Putney and Brennan would have benefited. Mount would intimidate the opposition in warm-ups with dunks that could not be used in the games. Stats we have today - FG and FT percentages, rebounds and assits would have shown what a great team this really was. It was a great time in my life to be able to witness that season.

Joe Cannon, class of '47  
Camarillo, Ca.

Here is a profile on another great Crusader, Dennis Murray, '64. Dennis graduated from Ascension grammar school, growing up at 116th and Vermont. Dennis was the oldest, his younger brother John was class of '66. His dad worked for SC Edison, they were a typical Mt. Carmel family, hard working and Irish.

A careful observer might have noticed a few things different about Dennis. In his freshman year Dennis wanted to be a four year varsity letterman. We all recall how cool (and rare) it was to have four stripes on a letterman's sweater. Dennis went out for the varsity swim team and while not pudgy, he was stocky. He was not built like a swimmer, more like the offensive lineman he was every fall. Dennis managed to swim the 500 yard freestyle well enough to earn his letter, swimming every day at least two miles.

Along with his athletics, Dennis also spent weekends with the Speech and Debate Team and nearly every Monday, Fr. McCallan would announce over the PA system that Dennis had won another medal or trophy. Dennis had a purpose in mind and that culminated at the end of his junior year when he ran and was elected student body president.

Dennis was quiet but determined in pursuing his goals. The summer of '63, he took a trip to Mexico with Fr. Fidalis and

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## DI DYAKNOW ?????

Today's High Cost of a Good Education  
The fact that the tuition for a parochial school education has climbed to an average of \$5000 per annum is overpowering for most families. If you multiply that figure times two-five kids, times five-eight school years---let's hope that there are scholarships available for that family. Otherwise---God help them. There goes the disposable income and mom and dad's trip to Brazil.

Such costs have the potential to create a class of economically elite students at parochial schools, whether or not their academic performance places them among the intellectually elite. Meanwhile, there is such a thing as the intent to level the educational playing field through the "meritocracy": if scholarships, tuition remission, work-study internships or other subsidies are unavailable, today's poor but gifted students are forced to attend public schools that are overcrowded or otherwise ill-equipped to serve them.

Think about your own situation and what would have happened if you had been forced to attend Washington, Dorsey, Manual Arts, Leuzinger or Lennox high schools instead of being able to afford going to Mount Carmel. That is the reality faced by many of the students who have similar educational needs, interests, and a desire to have a great life when they are older.

Chances are, when you attended Mount Carmel, your parents weren't obligated to take out a home equity loan or a "soft second" to ensure that you received a good education. When my guys and I attended Saint Raphael's as late as the fifties and sixties, tuition was \$6 a month and climbed to \$7 by our eighth grade year. By the time we got to our beloved high school alma mater, tuition was \$30 bucks a month---if I recall correctly.

OF COURSE we old farts like to wax nostalgic about the good old days when things were better: hot dogs were a dime, gas wars were fought at 21 cents a gallon, and the most scandalous thing about women's clothing was the advent of the miniskirt. I realize that's way late for a lot of you guys.

The "inner city" was a human patchwork dominated by families of working stiffs, our parents, us kids. As a matter of fact, the "inner" city was merely a part of the fabric of the larger metropolis that is L-A. Then, our 'hood lacked the menacing, odiferous connotation of a lower social strata where the good folks went to be bad. That came later.

"Immigrants" were people lately landed from Michigan, Massachusetts, Texas, and Louisiana. Our parents worked everywhere from the shipyards in Long Beach to the aircraft factories in the Valley and the available jobs in between. Housing was cheap, summer nights seemed as endless moments of playtime until mom called you in to eat, study, and take a bath.

Flash forward and imagine yourself with the highest intentions for your children's education. If you are still living in the vicinity of greater L. A., as do I, you will notice how things have changed on the tuition front. You are committing an act of love if you are contributing to your son or daughter's ability to afford the cost of an education for your grandkid; or---God forbid---you are now on your second or third family at

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## Letters from Your Classmates...



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Hello,

Always look forward to receiving the Crusader. Tom Warner of our class is doing a great job of finding everyone from 1956 for our 50th. Sure hopes it comes off. God bless and keep up the good work.

John Skoabi, '56

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Enclosed is my long overdue donation to MCAF and the Crusader. Thanks for keeping up the news on fellow Crusaders. The Carmelite Fathers and Brothers instilled great life values and ethics for which I am most appreciative. Keep up the good work and the Crusader spirit.

Vic Vizcarra, '55

Dear Tom Pinard,

I have an apology, going back almost 50 years when I had a confrontation with Terry Smith, '57, that stemmed from my disturbing him in study hall, his venting on my "arm," my revenge later in the yard as we headed to the gym for basketball practice and after hitting him from behind, his vengeance to this body. Boy, I didn't realize that I was dealing with an upper classman who was stronger and faster than I as I raced across the yard, only to be caught by Terry and while I don't know how, I woke up looking up at the sky with a number of students standing around me along with Father Fidelis. He asked me if I was ok and as my head cleared I said yes and then took the 50 Line home to Crenshaw.... and then spent three days on our couch with a concussion. I never told anyone because I regretted of my behavior.

G. A. "Michael" Gehring, '59

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Thanks for continuing to send the Crusader. Forgive the hand written note but about the only thing I didn't take at Mt. Carmel was typing. I want to applaud all those in the MCAF who are working so hard for the great cause we all have benefited so much from. I am grateful for the education I received at "Carmel" and grateful even more to the priests and brothers that made it possible. I have lived my dream of flying, after back in the 50s, in the Navy, I opted to stay a radar and electronics tech. I was in Pensacola just before our classmate, Gary Meehan, was killed while flying and teaching a student. I was told later by Bill Carlos that the student refused to bail out when their aircraft malfunctioned so Garry stayed with the plane and both went in. I'm in Northern California, still active in residential, mobile home and recreational vehicle contracting and reconstruction, at it now for over 42 years.

Al Howard, '54  
Paradise, CA

## Classmates Pass On

**Raymond Billingsley**, MC '66, pass away in Medford OR. July of 2004. Raymond serviced in the Armed Forces in Vietnam, and was proud of his military service

**Donald Alexander Pinard**, '53, a forty-nine year resident of Lucerne Valley. passed away in January, 2005. The retired Kaiser Permanente executive leaves a wife, Sheila and son Alec, a daughter Julie Vorhagon and five grandchildren and one great grandson, his older brother John W, '50, brother Tom, '57, and brothers Louie and Jim.. He served in the Army, including a tour in Korea, loved his children. Grandchildren and animals...

**Willis E. Gueringer**, class of '64 passed away on Sunday, Dec. 26, 2004 at the young age of 58, after a two-year battle with prostate cancer. He volunteered for the draft in 1965 and served as a combat infantryman in Qui Nhon, Vietnam. He was discharged in 1971 and after attending UCLA,

Willis aggressively pursued a career in electrical contracting. He founded several companies, and leaves behind his most successful "D" Electric. Willis is survived by Carol, his wife of 23 years. He was a proud father of four children, daughters Nicole and Elizabeth, sons David and James. In his later years few things brought him more joy than the twinkle in his eyes, his grand daughter, Kayla. Willis was a proud Carmel Crusader to the end. When he died he had his Crusader golf blanket over him. "Not only was he my twin, but he was my best friend. He will truly be missed," stated Bill Gueringer, '64..

**Arturo Quesada**, Mount Carmel Class of 1959, passed away February 23rd at the City of Hope. Arturo had been fighting his cancer for well over one year having 2 bone marrow transplants and aggressive chemotherapy to arrest the malignancy. Memorial services were held at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Westwood. For those who did not know Arturo, he and his family immigrated from Bolivia to Los Angeles in 1957. He attended Mt Carmel HS and USC where he attained his degree as an engineering student. Arturo was married to Lilly in 1970 and had 3 children 2 boys and a girl.

**Frank Book**, '55, passed away on July 31, 2004 from complications after surgery. Besides his wife Patty Book, he left three grown children. Patty would appreciate a note in the next issue of the Crusader. May he rest in peace.

**Vincent Gurdez** passed away December, 2004, reports his wife, Eileen.

**Carl V. Costa**, according to his wife Ginger, passed away in 2001

**Andrew Francis McCarthy**, '38, a member of the first graduating class at Mt. Carmel, passed away Jan. 26, 2005. Born in Los Angeles in 1920, this proud graduate married the love of his life, Patricia Frize, in 1947. In 1955

they moved to the San Fernando Valley and raised their nine children there, being extremely active in the two parishes, Holy Cross and Our Lady of Peace, along with membership in Knights of Columbus. Andy served in the Navy during WWII, then served 26 years with Los Angeles Fire Dept, retiring as a Captain in 1972. Andy and Patricia retired to Moorpark, where he was strong a conservative, following politics closely, as he was a builder. He oversaw his last project, rebuilding their kitchen last year at the age of 83. He is survived by his wife Patricia, sisters, Jean Costello, Madeline Reed and Betty Jane Sweeney, nine children and their spouses, Larry and Sandy, Neil and Linda, Maureen and Bobby Thompson, Joe and Vicki, John and Karen, Kevin and Michelle, Sheila and Pat Shaffer, Pat and Cathy and Aileen and Scott Valentine, 36 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He was affectionately referred to as Uncle Andy or the "Big A" by dozens of nieces, nephews and their children.

**Thomas "Larry" Montgomery**, '41, passed from a loving family January 31, 2005 in Rancho Mirage. Born in 1923 in Anaheim and after graduation entered the Army Air Corps serving as a radio operator. After the war came college and at a reluctant blind date in 1951 met and fell in love with Irene Foster. They spent 54 years together raising their family, growing a business, enjoying life. Larry started a business in 1953 that grew into California By-Products. Over the years he mentored and eventually partnered with his two eldest sons, who now own and operate the business. The couple loved flying, a passion for cars, and even operated a flight school for a time. He is survived by Irene, four children and their spouses, Bob and Janet, Dana and Alison, Marianne and Kim Huntley and Tom and Sue, all living in the Los Angeles area. Larry also leaves a sister Betty Moyer and 8 grandchildren. His strong Catholic commitment was reflected not only in his family, but also in his generosity to the community.

**Rodney Y. Hoover**, '38, passed away July 31, 2004. His wife Doris writes: "Rod enjoyed receiving the Crusader and although he was nearly blind from macular degeneration, he still recognized names from time to time because I always read it to him. Thank you for sending it to him. He always thought so highly of Mt. Carmel and of the priests who provided such a wonderful high school education and he often spoke of them."

### HELP WANTED

Anyone interested in helping out at the Golf and Tennis Tournament on Monday, May 16th from 10:30 am til 5:30 pm please contact Tom Forgue at (714) 778-5555.

## More memories of Carmel sports.....

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three other classmates. Dennis was at the wheel, while the others slept, in the Sonoran Desert. He crashed head on into a ravine in order to miss a huge boulder in the middle of the road. Dennis was the only one not knocked out, but he was the most seriously hurt. After getting his companions safely out, he crawled up to the road with a split lip, two missing front teeth and four broken ribs. They made it back to California after a stay at the local veterinarian, who stitched up his lip (no M.D.s in the area). Five weeks later, Dennis started at center and middle linebacker fitted with a special vest and missing teeth to make him look extra fierce. Truly Dennis was determined and quietly stuck to his goals.

After graduating this Crusader would become ASB President at Long Beach State, receive his M.A. and PHD from USC, become assistant to the President at Long Beach State, run for congress twice by the time he was 30, become Vice President of Whittier College for six years before becoming President of Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York, where he has served for 26, a very long time for a college president. Dr. Murray married his high school sweetheart, Marilyn Merrill, of St. Michael's High class of '65 and they have two children.

"Maybe I shouldn't, but there is a story about burning a bonfire prematurely, belonging to a certain Catholic boy's high school in Gardena, alleged done by a group known as "Murray's Marauders," prior to their homecoming game against Carmel. Dennis set goals, and enjoys challenging missions," reports John Martin, M.C. '65.

## Meet new board member George Guzman

I am a 1963 graduate of Mt. Carmel High School. I am proud to have been appointed to the Mt. Carmel Alumni Foundation board of directors and look forward to continue the honorable work in supporting Catholic education for needy schools where we Mt. Carmel grads received our primary schooling.

I was born in Los Angeles in 1945 and was the youngest of four children. My parents were from Mexico and established residency here in Los Angeles in 1932. I attended Holy Cross Grammar School and graduated in 1959. The school was located at 47th and Main Streets. It, like many other Catholic schools in the community, no longer exists. During my four years at Mt. Carmel, I played the various sports, served on different school committees and participated in our famous Showboat productions. In my senior year I was privileged to serve as Student Body President. All four years at Mt. Carmel were what I considered the best years of my youth. It helped form a foundation in my life that made it easy to establish relationships with others. The friendships that came about with my classmates and other fellow Crusaders, formed a brotherhood. Our Mt. Carmel education was unique in various ways.

After graduation, I went to East Los Angeles College majoring in Business Management with the intent of continuing in our family owned business, Eastside Wholesale Notions. It was a wholesale distributorship of H B A products, school supplies & general household items. It was established by my father in 1948 and was located in East Los Angeles. It was the only Mexican owned distributorship of this kind in Los Angeles. I served in all capacities of the business while growing up and after leaving ELAC, I became the main sales person and purchase agent. I served as president of the East L.A. Chamber of Commerce, which I helped re-establish, for 4 years in the late  
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## **DI DYAKNOW ?????**

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age sixty or seventy and you are raising elementary-age kids. God help you!

Unfortunately for many people today, a parochial school education is affordable only if they hold a series of rent parties or sponsor a benefit for their child. \$5000 is out of sight for many of the most dedicated and committed parents.

The thought of having to take a major hit on the home equity to educate two or three pre-teens is serious business, and simply underscores the need for us to support Catholic education and figure out ways that subsidies can be developed to keep the educational tradition alive in the places where it is most needed.

Hope this helps.  
Lance A. Williams, Ph. D.

## **Have a question, call these key players on MCAF Board**

For information or questions please call or e-mail any of the following :

- Al Alessandra, 310-377-9220 or 760-7764810, [alassandra@vel.net](mailto:alassandra@vel.net)
- Tom Baumgartner, Cell 714-538-2867, [tebaum@pacbell.net](mailto:tebaum@pacbell.net)

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Send your check \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Mt Carmel Alumni Foundation, P.O. Box 4551, Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274  
... and if you really want to be involved.... Volunteer for one of the many worthwhile committees, designed to help you!!

## Thoughts turn to Carmelite coached “hall of fame” for Southern California

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they had heard how successful the evening was and the great spirit shown for a school that closed in 1976.

A discussion on the dedication of the Paul Muff (a Mount Carmel Graduate) Court on January 28, 2005 by Crespi High ensued and led to the idea that a Hall of Fame for all Southern California Carmelite High School Athletes should be established.

Space in the Encino Priory could be made available as a repository for trophies, plaques and memorabilia of Mt. Carmel High School.



Standing L to R, Tom Baumgartner, Father Tom Schrader, Brett Nordyke. Seated Al and Marilee Alessandra

These items have been scattered to the winds and an effort to locate and assemble them will require great effort.

After reading the comments in the last few editions of The Crusader, it is apparent that interest is here for such a project. Obviously

someone needs to step up and coordinate such a project. If you have items, thoughts and ideas about the project contact either Al Alessandra or Tom Baumgartner.

## Golf Banquet has Silent Auction

Don't forget one of the best parts of the Mt. Carmel Golf and Tennis Tournament is the Silent Auction! Chairman **Tom Forgue, class of '60**, and the Golf Committee are collecting super items for your bidding pleasure. Dodger Baseball Tickets, a free weekend rental car and a handmade one-of-a-kind crucifix are among the highlights already received.

And, just in case you don't win the raffle, you will have a chance to bid on two duplicates of the raffle prizes as well. John Martin '66 has donated a second Wilderness Adventure Weekend to the Silent Auction, and there will also be another Authentic Mt. Carmel Letterman's Sweater offered.

If you haven't contacted Tom yet about an item you would like to donate please call him right away at (714) 778-5555.

### from pg 5: George Guzman joins MCAF Board

'80s. The business lasted 46 years and closed in 1994 when I made a career change and became an operations manager for a landscaping company in Carlsbad. I now perform the duties of a property manager. I was married for 20 years and have three great children, ages in the 30's, each with their own families. I have 3 grandchildren with a 4th on the way.

I look forward to serving on the MCAF board and hope that not only my class of '63, but all the other classes from the 60's and 70's will support the foundation with generous and regular donations (see page five)..

### Bigger and Better Raffle in 2005

## Great news for all of you great supporters of the Mt. Carmel raffles!

You should have recently received your invitation to the 2005 Golf and Tennis Tournament. Enclosed we hope you found seven raffle tickets which feature three terrific prizes.

**FIRST PRIZE** this year is a **7 Day Mexican Cruise for Two from Los Angeles** – last year you will remember the cruise was just four days. Our travel agent **Joan Gale (Mrs. George Gale, class of '59)** always finds MCAF a great deal for a special trip for the winners.

**SECOND PRIZE** is something new and exciting. Thanks to Crusader **John Martin, class of '66**, we are offering a two-day, two-night **Wilderness Adventure for Four**, horseback riding or four wheel driving through the East Mojave National Preserve. John tells us he will host the winner and guests, including horses or four wheel drives, food, beverages, guides and raconteur. Ride on the historic Mojave Trail, trackless white sand dunes, beautiful Afton Canyon, grand vistas, spectacular sunsets, spend a night under a blanket of stars, or, O.K., sleep in a bed back at the ranch. Sounds great, doesn't it?

**THIRD PRIZE** is an **Authentic Mt. Carmel Letterman's Sweater**. Thanks to **Jim Clark, class of '48**, MCAF still has a relationship with the original supplier of the sweaters we all worked so hard to earn “back in the day,” who will recreate an exact replica for the lucky third prize winner in this year's raffle.

Thanks to all of you who loyally purchase raffle tickets when we send them out. As you know your support goes directly to the bottom line enabling your foundation to donate more to the Carmelites and the schools. **GOOD LUCK!**

## MCAF website up and running

It's new, it's ours, and it will grow and grow. To access the website go to [www.mountcarmelcrusader.org](http://www.mountcarmelcrusader.org) Due to the “many Mount Carmels around the country, ours is set up this way.

In coming months you will be able to go to an events page and a class year page. The Crusader will be online, including back issues through its 13 years of publication.

To add information use [info@mountcarmelcrusader.org](mailto:info@mountcarmelcrusader.org) We will not have a chat room, as privacy is most important. At any rate, go online and take a look. Hope you like it.

## WHY NOT REPLY???

EVERY issue of the Crusader arrives with a return envelope. This is obviously a simple way to send us a donation. But wait a minute. Use the envelope to tell us what we can do to better communicate and serve our Alumni. If you have some idea for anything that can be important to our cause, let us know. Use the envelope.

You can even complain and send it to us. We are putting together a complaint dept. It will meet every five years, steady. Only kidding, to be serious, do you think a picnic makes sense or a day at Santa Anita? Are you interested in helping, in any way? We want to hear from you. We also like to receive donations in our envelopes. It up to you, talk to us.