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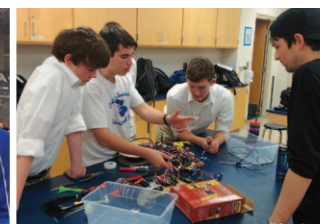


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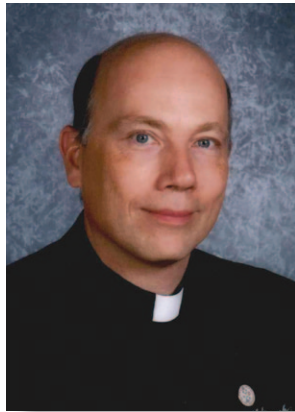
Many of you tell me that you begin reading your *Aluminator* by looking at "Chatterbox" and "The Bells." Please don't forget that those are the parts that we cannot include without help from you. We need you to send us updates of your milestones and accomplishments. Your travels and other activities are also of interest to your classmates.

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A Message from the President



Dear Alumni of Detroit Catholic Central and CC friends,

There is a healthy tension at Catholic Central about which many of our alumni are aware. Our beloved school has an uncountable number of great traditions. When I arrived as principal six years ago, I was surprised by the anxiety and paranoia that existed among many of the students that as the new guy who was not a graduate of the school, I might put an end to certain CC traditions because some were afraid that I neither understood them nor appreciated them. I would have expected that alumni may have such concerns, but I wasn't expecting that students would. Traditions are important and have great meaning not just to alumni of several generations, but among our current students, as well. The tension, which I believe to be a healthy one, comes in when we are challenged to meet the needs of our current students as they prepare to live in a world that presents many evolving challenges. In other words, we want to keep our traditions and maintain our identity, yet we want to evolve and be "avant-garde" so as to continue to offer a top notch Basilian Catholic college preparatory program in the 21st century.

Over the decades much focus has been put on CC's athletic traditions and successes. Indeed, to this day, a large majority of the Men of Catholic Central participate in at least one sport. Athletics are very much a part of our overall program to prepare young men to live in a world imbued with skills that they will need in so many different situations which life will present. This will always be a reality for us. However, we also know that several hundred of our young men do not participate in sports, yet are fully engaged in other extracurricular activities. Many have heard me say the team which has won the most State Championships at Catholic Central is our Academic Team (Quiz Bowl). We actually have several teams that participate at various levels, and our younger, less experienced Academic Teams consistently win against the more experienced teams of other schools.

Our fastest growing activity has become CC Robotics. Many unfamiliar with robotics make the wrong assumption that it's just a bunch of fellows who build robots together much like many of us played with tinker toys as kids. However, Robotics engages a spirited group of young people who are learning to be leaders in science and technology. Just their knowledge of calculus and physics would amaze you. While indeed there is a competitive nature to robotics competitions, there is also a tremendous level of cooperation that occurs not just between team members, but with teams from other schools as well. Our CC scholar robotics experts now participate in both the VEX and FIRST ROBOTICS programs and competitions. Participation has grown from a handful of very motivated students just a few years ago to dozens and dozens of CC scholars today. Many of our alumni who recognize the value of robotics within their own professions often ask me about CC Robotics.

There is much talk about STEM in educational circles today (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). We are very proud that CC has the finest laboratories and teachers in these areas. I take this opportunity to thank all of our benefactors for helping us to have the finest facilities at our Novi campus. At each classroom and laboratory, there is a plaque honoring those who helped us to obtain such facilities: alumni and their wives and faithful CC families. It is important, I think, that such plaques are at each room, not only because the benefactors deserve the recognition, but also because our current students should know that they are benefiting from the fidelity of so many good people. Many of our alumni benefitted from the scientific expertise of our Basilian Father, Raymond Paramo, C.S.B. who this December will celebrate his 50th anniversary of priesthood. Father Paramo is rare in our Basilian congregation in that he spent all 50 of his years as a Basilian priest here at Catholic Central. He continues to serve CC as the Editor of the *Aluminator*.

I look forward to seeing many of you at various activities as we begin another school year full of the potential that the Good Lord so lovingly gifts us with!

John B. Huber, C.S.B.

Fr. John B. Huber, C.S.B., Ed.D.
President

THE NIFTY '50s

1955 This summer, some of the boys from the Class of '55 visited with **Fr. Elmer, C.S.B. '46**.



Left to right: Bill Barr '55, Fr. Elmer, C.S.B. '46, Ray Billingham '55, and John Ivers '55

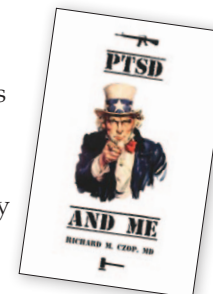
THE PSYCHEDELIC '60s

1962 – **LEN KIEFEL, PAT NESBITT, and PAUL O'BRIEN** recently met up in Santa Barbara, CA, to take in some good racing and good wine.



Left to right: Len Kiefel '62, Paul O'Brien '62, and Pat Nesbitt '62 visiting in California.

1965 – **RICHARD CZOP, M.D.** recently published a book called *PTSD and Me*, which chronicles his experience with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder stemming from his service in Vietnam. He currently resides in Caledonia, Mich.



1969 – **TIM DONAKOWSKI** retired in December 2015 after careers with the Ford Motor Company, Illinois Institute of Technology, the Minnesota Department of Health, and Minnesota OSHA.

THE GROOVY '70s

1975 – **BRYAN GRULEY** spoke at the Friends of the Library Book and Author Luncheon on May 6 in Plymouth, Mich. The Friends of the Library are a nonprofit organization that helps provide funding for the Plymouth District Library.

1978 – **MARK MURAWSKI** and his sons, Tyler and Troy, stopped by Catholic Central this summer. While enjoying our Novi Campus, fond memories and stories of 6-5-6-5 West Outer Drive were shared. Mark was a member of CC's marching and concert bands, as well as the hockey team. Today, Mark and his family reside in Scottsdale, Arizona.



Left to right: Tyler Murawski, Mark Murawski '78, Troy Murawski

1978 – **JAMES REDFORD** was appointed director of the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency by Governor Rick Snyder on April 27, 2016. He had been the interim director since February. Jim served in the U.S. Navy for 28 years, retiring in 2012 with a variety of commendations.



James Redford '78

Spring 2016 Mystery Photo Unidentified!

We have yet to identify the men in the photo. If you do recognize anyone, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (248) 596-3838.



Help Solve Another Mystery!

*Do you recognize any of the team members
with Fr. Jim Enright, C.S.B. and Fr. Joe Barnes, C.S.B. '49?*

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THE TECHNO '80s

1986 – TONY ESSER, his wife, Laura, and their son, **Anthony '16**, at Baccalaureate Mass at Catholic Central this past May 2016. Legacy is a CC Tradition. Like father, like son, both played hockey for CC. Tony is a designer in the automotive industry. Anthony will be attending Wayne State University this fall.



Left to right: Laura Esser, Anthony Esser '16, and Tony Esser '86

THE VIRTUAL '00s

2001 – ANTHONY FULLER was named a "30 under 35" award winner by *tED* magazine. The award is given to members of the National Association of Electrical Distributors (NAED) who are deemed rising stars in the electrical industry.

2003 – LANDON LANGHAM visited CC this summer. Great stories of 1-42-Double-O Breakfast Drive were



Left to right: Dan Collins '84, Landon Langham '03, and Tim Burke '86

remembered and shared. A veteran of US Armed Services, Landon and his wife, Angela, recently moved back to the metro Detroit area.

THE CONNECTED '10s

2012 – BENEDICT HILADO was recognized with a 2016 MSU Board of Trustees' Award for having the highest possible scholastic average at the close of his final semester at Michigan State University. Benedict was one of 50 students to graduate with a 4.0 GPA.

U OF M / CC RUNNERS AND COACH MAGNI all gathered for a photo at Patio in Ann Arbor this May.



Standing, left to right: Matt Solarz '13, Matt Carney '13, Liam Schilling '13, Nico Lanzetta '13, Dominic Russel '13, Eric Solarz '15, Brian Clark '15, Eric Zughaib '13, Mackenzie Boyd '11, Keith Melong '15, and Brennan Schilling '15

Seated, left to right: Coaches Kevin Mason '03', Tony Magni, Brian Wilson, and Chuck Childress

Chatterbox

Send Us Your Updates

Send us your chatterbox items. We love to feature your career, family and CC memories. Make sure you send a photo and caption so we may properly identify everyone!

Louis C. Argenta, MD, FACS '61 Receives 2016 Jacobs on Innovation Award

Louis Charles Argenta grew up in St. Scholastica Parish before excelling at 6565 West Outer Drive, CC! On June 3, 2016, Dr. Louis Argenta was the recipient of the prestigious Jacobson Innovation Award of the American College of Surgeons (ACS). Dr. Argenta is Professor and Chairman Emeritus in the Department of Plastic and Reconstruction Surgery, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, N.C.



Left to right: John Argenta '58, Dr. Lou Argenta '61, and Dr. Robert Argenta '62

The Jacobson Innovation Award honors living surgeons who have been innovators of a new development or technique in any field of surgery and is made possible through a gift from Julius H. Jacobson II, MD, FACS and his wife, Joan. Dr. Jacobson is a general vascular surgeon known for his pioneering work in the development of microsurgery.

Dr. Argenta, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons (FACS), was honored with this international surgical award in recognition of his work with Wake Forest bioengineer Michael Morykwas, PhD, in the development of Vacuum-Assisted Closure (VAC), a paradigm-changing approach to the treatment of difficult wounds and burns.

Dr. Argenta is an internationally recognized expert in mechanobiology – the application of controlled mechanical energy to induce biological changes in living tissue – and its applications in clinical medicine. VAC utilizes negative pressure wound therapy. Dr. Argenta helped develop and popularize the surgical technique of tissue expansion to generate living tissue for reconstruction. Tissue expansion is now used throughout the world for complicated breast, facial, and scalp reconstructions.

VAC has been used on over 14 million people worldwide and is estimated to have prevented a million amputations. It has been used by U.S. military medical personnel for almost all battlefield injuries in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, dramatically reducing wound infection and complications, and significantly improving the outcomes for wounded soldiers. VAC is widely recognized as the most important advancement in wound healing in the past 25 years.

Dr. Argenta served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War, during which time he attained the rank of Lt. Commander. Today, he continues to be academically active and devotes his time to research, overseas surgical work, and his family.

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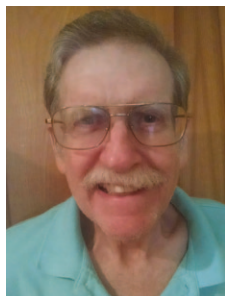
THE CLASS OF 1966

BRING US UP TO DATE...

Last year we asked the class of 1965 to submit biographies to celebrate their 50th anniversary of graduation. The response was so good that we decided to make this a yearly feature. This year the class of 1966 is celebrating its anniversary, and we made of them the same request. We are grateful to those who answered. – Ed.

PAUL VAN DORPE

After his graduation from CC in 1966, Paul attended Wayne State University. After four years of band at CC, he hung out with the music crowd at Wayne State. He continued to play clarinet with the marching band and bassoon with the concert band. He joined the orchestra and discovered that he liked classical music after all. In his junior year he had to declare a major. He did take Geology 101 and said that this would be his major. And indeed it was! His B.S. diploma reads December 1970.



As an aside he later became a professional photographer shooting weddings for about 20 years. That was interesting – and fun.

In 1971, Paul's family moved to Farmington in Our Lady of Sorrows parish. Having started singing with the Gesu Church choir while at CC, he joined the OLS choir with his dad. That choir had a few young ladies that caught his eye. He asked one of them if she would like to attend a geology New Year's Eve party with him. She said yes, 1973 turned into 1974 that night, he fell in love, and 100 days later she said yes again! They set the date as July 4th, 1975.

was terminated, Paul, now living in Iowa City, received a grant to evaluate abandoned coal mine hazards in Iowa. One of the hazards was subsidence over abandoned underground coal mines. Several cities in Iowa are undermined: Oskaloosa, Centerville, What Cheer, and Des Moines. He became one of the state's leading experts on coal mine subsidence. Paul was the Coordinating Geologist for the Abandoned Mine Lands Inventory with four geologists on the team.

In 1981, the Water Division was looking to fill a vacancy. Since permanent employment was deemed better than a limited time grant,

Each fall *Aluminator* will feature biographies from the class celebrating the 50th anniversary of their graduation. Get ready Class of 1967!

He went on to graduate school at Wayne State for another four years, taking all the available geology courses. He had to choose a thesis topic. He chose a topic whereby he needed assistance from a couple of professors and their equipment. That never materialized. What did materialize was the opportunity to travel. Paul has been on many geology field trips. Major trips included: the Colorado River (twice), Guatemala and Nicaragua (both to see volcanoes), Hawaii and Iceland (both for volcanoes and more), and Utah. There were also minor trips to: Florida, New York, and Bancroft, Ontario. His mandatory field camp was five weeks in Puerto Rico. Paul also discovered how much fun photography is – rocks, outcrops, scenery, flowers, and even people.

Meanwhile, Paul decided that a job would be a good idea. He contacted every state geological survey in the country. Iowa replied they were looking for someone, so out to Iowa he went for an interview, and on May 16, 1975 got the job as a field geologist with the Iowa Geological Survey's coal exploration drilling project. He was both geologist and part-time roughneck.

Paul was with that project until it became unfunded by the state legislature in 1980. While living in Ottumwa during those five years, he abandoned the thesis project from Wayne State and completed one from Iowa on the coal project. Wayne State granted him an M.S. in 1980. After the coal program

he jumped over to water issues, specifically groundwater availability. He wrote hundreds of well forecasts, started a Municipal Water-Supply Inventory database for the entire state, and participated in countless other projects. He was a member of the Geological Society of Iowa and its treasurer for ten years. He also was a member of the Iowa Academy of Science and the Iowa Groundwater Association and served as its treasurer for over 20 years.

1982, 1988, and 1992 saw three lovely children added to the VanDorpe household. Paul's wife, Jill, taught all of them at home. Their oldest son is a professional musician – on cello – with several Iowa orchestras.

He is married, and Jill and Paul are proud grandparents. Their middle son is a baker with a major Midwest grocery chain. Their daughter plays and sings with a band in the Tampa area.

In 2014 after 39 years with the state, Paul decided to retire. Paul is active in church activities such as choir, and he is a 4th degree Knight of Columbus. Occasionally he photographs church events, and some of his work appears in the church directory. Four years at CC provided a good moral foundation. He does recommend that geology or environmental science be added to the curriculum at CC because everyone should have a basic understanding that absolutely EVERYTHING comes from the earth that God has given to us to utilize and preserve for the future. Saint John Paul II said as much on his trip to Des Moines in 1979. Keep up the good work that you do to teach boys to become men! God bless the CC family.

GEORGE TUREK



Fr. Elmer and I like to joke that no kid ever wanted to go to Catholic Central as much as I. That is because for four years I worked summers as a caddy to save up for tuition and hitchhiked every single morning from Redford to 6565 West Outer Drive. So when I tease my kids and grandkids, "Back in my day, I used to hitchhike nine miles to school," I'm telling the truth. And when I tell them it

was absolutely worth it to attend a school like CC, I'm also telling the truth.

After graduating from CC, I received a B.S. from Eastern Michigan University. I joined the Navy and spent the next few years flying A-4s in VA-212 [an aviation unit of the United States Navy] and VT-86 [an aircraft flight training squadron]. However, there was an abundance of Navy pilots, and with Vietnam winding down, I was early-outed. I used my VA benefits to attend the University of Michigan where I received an M.B.A. and then took a job with Ford Motor Company. Eventually, I left Ford, sold my house, and used the profits to start my own company. I started Medical Evaluation Specialists (MES) in 1978, believing there were other similar businesses. As it turns out, I accidentally invented the Independent Medical Examination (IME) industry. By the time I sold MES in 2011, MES was the largest IME company in the world.

I kept one part of MES, our Veterans Evaluation Services (VES) division. VES contracts with the VA to perform Compensation and Pension Evaluations for my fellow Veterans seeking disability benefits, which I find quite rewarding. I currently reside in the Woodlands, Texas, with my wife, Linda. We have two kids, three grandkids, and about ten dogs and cats.

ROBERT IANNI

Following graduation from CC in 1966, I attended Wayne State University School of Business. Upon graduation, I joined the U.S.



Marine Corps and attended University of Detroit College of Law. Upon graduation from law school, I joined the Michigan Department of Attorney General where I served for 40 years. In 1984 I was named Chief of the Criminal Division by Attorney General Frank J. Kelley. During my 20 years in the Criminal Division, I prosecuted or oversaw the prosecution of thousands of cases throughout the State of Michigan. In 2003, Attorney General **Mike Cox '80** appointed me as one of his Bureau Chiefs, a position I continued under Attorney General Schuette, eventually overseeing the operations of 12 Civil Divisions. In addition, I was appointed the State Public Administrator by Governor Granholm (2005-2006) and also served as the Department's Emergency Management Coordinator and on its Opinion Review Board for 20 years.

I have been very active in my church and community while living in the Lansing area, serving as President of the Catholic Lawyers Guild of the Lansing Diocese and Grand Knight in my parish Knights of Columbus Council. Following my retirement from the AG's Office in 2015, in addition to the usual retirement activities (traveling, golfing, etc.), I have remained active, volunteering in the AARP's tax preparation program and pursuing my love of soccer. I continue to serve as a soccer referee, a board member of the Greater Lansing Area Soccer Referee Association, and a referee assignor and mentor.

Most importantly, I am the proud husband of Lynda for 46 years, father of two wonderful children (Dante and Angela), grandfather of Ilaria, and uncle of three outstanding young men, two of whom also graduated from Detroit Catholic Central, including **Dario '96**, Gino, and **Nieko Ianni '07**.

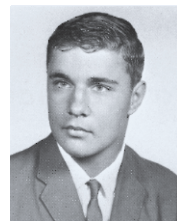
JACK KOWALSKE

After graduation I attended Eastern Michigan University for one year. I then enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1968 and served as an intelligence analyst. I decided to make it a career and served at Offutt AFB, Omaha, Nebraska; Keesler AFB, Biloxi, Mississippi; Pearl Harbor Naval Station and Hickam AFB, Honolulu, Hawaii; Shemya AFB, Alaska; Osan AFB, Korea; and Kelly AFB, San Antonio, Texas. After being discharged I worked for a defense contractor for four years; however, the company lost the contract. I had been preaching education to my kids and took a good look in the mirror. I returned to school and graduated in 1995 from the University of Texas San Antonio with a B.A. in Political Science. I was admitted to Law School at St. Mary's University, graduated with a J.D., and passed the bar in 1998. After law school I worked for legal aid in San Antonio and Amarillo, Texas. In 2000 I was hired by the Social Security Administration, where I worked at a Hearing Office. I retired as a Senior Staff Attorney in April 2013.

THOMAS N. TEEVIN II

After graduation from CC, I attended Henry Ford Community College two miles from my parents' home in Dearborn. I graduated with an Associate degree in Science in 1968. I attended Western Michigan University and graduated with a B.A. degree in Secondary Education in 1970.

I learned from Fr. Ned in 1962 that you must have 100% recall of places, names, and dates. This helped in my completion of a History and Geography major; however, no teaching career followed. I secured a



traveling sales position of paint products in Michigan for three years. I returned to Western and completed an Automotive Technology program for Vocational Education. My dad was an engine development engineer with Ford Motor Company. He instilled in me a love of engines and all things gasoline powered. He also tutored me in the diagnosis and repair of automotive, marine, and motorcycle drive systems. This knowledge allowed me to find employment anywhere. I taught high school Auto Shop in Howell, Michigan, for 18 months but was injured on the job. After back surgery fixed the problem, I worked for myself in the collector car market of early Mustang cars and parts between San Diego, California, and Michigan. I met the love of my life, JoEtta Davis of Brighton, and we were married on Valentine's Day, 1981 in Muskegon, Michigan. I was hired in 1980 by Muskegon Piston Ring Co. as the Manager of Service Engineering for the Replacement Division. That means I was a complaint coordinator for the production engine rebuilder market in 48 States, Canada, and Mexico. I was gone 15 days a month, and every call was a problem related to parts failure or pending litigation. This was a great job; I could deal with all types of people in the auto engine arena in places I had studied years before. This came to a close in 1983 when the Replacement Division was sold, and my services were no longer needed. Now with my wife and son, Thomas III, we moved to California for a job.

Moving to the "Left Coast" was different. I had to remove all my Ronald Reagan jokes. The BAR 84 Smog Program was just beginning, and technician training was my next challenge. I worked for Allen Test Products of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Southwestern Community College as a technical instructor

in the San Diego area. My time at CC prepared me for life, but another chapter opened after I attended my 40th alumni reunion. My wife was diagnosed with brain cancer on Father's Day the following year. I went to the chapel at Scripps Mercy Hospital during the operation to remove the tumor. I felt the presence of God that evening. She recovered from the treatment, and the tumor never returned. We had six more good years together before she passed away in 2014. She was an animal person. We lived with birds, cats, and dogs. We hosted Japanese foreign exchange students for 20 years in our home. This was an enlightening experience, and we made some great friends. I have taught an Auto class at night for San Diego City College three nights a week for the last 12 years. I was the Service Manager for Aquarius Yacht Services in the daytime for that same period, performing marine engine and outboard repair.

I still enjoy snow skiing at Mammoth Mountain, a long way from Mt. Holly and the CC ski club in '63. I was absent eight days in four years at CC; school was not to be missed. I have been involved in educational presentations at many levels of instruction. I am always thankful I attended Catholic Central High School. If you are prepared correctly, you will be able to deal with anything life sends your way and prosper.



Top of Mammoth Mountain (3/1/16)

Congratulations Shamrocks on a winning season

Baker Tilly congratulates Catholic Central on its continued success. These young men have made a positive impact on the community and we applaud their efforts.

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Mass – 7:20 am
Every School-Day Morning

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2. Click on "Alumni" at the top
3. "Login" or "Register"

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To update your profile, mark any information that you want unpublished as "Private" with a check mark, and change "NetCommunity" to "Yes."

CC Alumni Association Board of Directors Meetings

All graduates of CC are members of the Alumni Association. Alumni Board of Directors Meetings are open to all members who wish to attend.

*All Alumni are Welcome -
We Look Forward to Seeing You!*

September 8, 2016 • December 8, 2016

March 2, 2017 • May 11, 2017

CC Media Center

Mass: 6:00 pm • Dinner: 6:30 pm • Meeting: 7:00 pm



Gentlemen:

By the time you read this letter, summer will have ended and school will have gone back into session. For many of our students, summer was merely a continuation of their academic and athletic endeavors. Like many of us alumni, they are learning that summer is just a time when you can get more accomplished. Even while on vacation I know most of us still have a cell phone, a digital recorder, or a laptop in use. While we and our families are enjoying the pontoon boat, the jet skis, or the golf course, we are still working.

Nevertheless, summer for me in Northern Michigan has been wonderful. As I've noted in the past, it is always heartwarming when I see the interlocking white CCs on the back of numerous vehicles in the Petoskey/Harbor Springs area. I often take time to stop and talk to young students and their families. It is always amazing to me how Catholic Central continues to be so deeply a part of my life and the lives of my three sons, classes of '02, '03, and '10. I am sure many of you feel the same way.

With the start of the new school year, I would ask that each and every one of you think of a specific way that you could help support Catholic Central High School using your time, your talent, or your treasure. We take for granted that Catholic Central will always be here, especially with our beautiful new school and the grand sports complex behind it. It is easy to make that assumption. But the cost of running CC, in terms of volunteer hours and financial contribution, is never-ending and ever-increasing. Tuition alone does not cover the cost of a young man's attending four years of Catholic Central.

I thank God every day for the education and the moral compass that was instilled in me while I was at Catholic Central. I'm sure each of you, if you take just a minute or two to harken back to your days at CC, can and will come to the same conclusion. Recently, a neighbor in Harbor Springs and I began chatting about our high schools days. He attended St. Thomas in Texas and was taught by the Basilians. Two of those Basilians eventually came to Catholic Central in Detroit and taught me, as well. The Basilians have been the glue that has held so many of us together over the generations. It is up to us, the alumni, to bind us to the generations of alumni that follow. As we know, very few Basilians teach at Catholic Central now, and in the near future, there will be fewer still. Thankfully, many of our alumni have come back to teach at Catholic Central. We are blessed with a strong core group of bright, talented, and religious lay teachers. Please give all of our teachers the support they need to help the young men who are currently students at Catholic Central feel that same religious and moral bond of brotherhood that we had the honor and pleasure to experience ourselves.

I wish all of you a happy, safe, and productive fall, and look forward to seeing all of you around campus.



John Foley '73 CC Alumni Association President

Advice from a Tree: Stand Tall and Proud, Go Out on a Limb, Remember Your Roots, Drink Plenty of Water, and Enjoy the View

Boys' Bowl - Homecoming Weekend



The annual Boys' Bowl – Homecoming Weekend will be Friday, October 14, 2016 – Sunday, October 16, 2016. As always, we invite all alumni and extended members of the CC Family to come home and take part in the many activities and celebrations of the weekend. We all remember our past Boys' Bowl experiences. Continue the tradition and make Boys' Bowl Weekend as memorable as it can be.

On Friday morning, October 14, the annual Shamrock Shuffle and Boys' Bowl Assembly will take place at CC. The students pledge money and run in the Shamrock Shuffle to raise funds for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan. After that, around 9:30 am, the largest spirit assembly in the state will take place in the gym. There our student body will be spirited as we prepare for the upcoming football game against Central Division rival, DeLaSalle. Alumni are encouraged to attend.

Friday evening and Saturday will consist of "Shamstock" for our students and golf outings, happy hours, and receptions for many of our alumni celebrating reunions.

On Sunday, the annual **Gerry Di Ponio '65 Memorial Boys' Bowl Mass & Breakfast** will take place in the gym at 10:00 am. CC President Fr. John Huber, C.S.B. will be celebrating Mass for any members of the CC Family who would like to attend. All those who attend Mass are welcome to a complimentary breakfast sponsored by the Alumni Association.

Furthermore, the 10th Annual Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place with a special ceremony during Mass. The Hall of Famers will also be recognized during halftime of the 72nd Annual Boys' Bowl Football Game.

Friday, October 14, 2016

Shamrock Shuffle – 8:15 am

Boys' Bowl Assembly – 9:30 am

Shamstock – 5:00 pm

Saturday, October 15, 2016

Offsite Reunions

Sunday, October 16, 2016

15th Annual **Gerry Di Ponio '65 Memorial Boys' Bowl Mass & Breakfast** – 10:00 am
10th Annual Athletic Hall of Fame Inductions – during Mass
(additional recognition at halftime of game)

72nd Annual Boys' Bowl Football Game (vs. DeLaSalle) – 1:00 pm

Alumni Association Mission Statement

The mission of the Catholic Central Alumni Association is to provide services, benefits, and activities of interest to the alumni and foster an alumni body which is interested and involved in the affairs and functions of the school, and to provide such assistance to the school as may from time to time be requested of it.

10th Annual Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2016

Inductions will take place on Sunday, October 16 at the Boys' Bowl Mass & Breakfast and during halftime of the Boys' Bowl Game.

1976 Basketball Team

Fr. John Wheeler, C.S.B. '57

Dennis Spalla '59

Rick Jones '71

Greg Wendt '81

Mike Sullivan '88

All Hall of Fame Honorees are encouraged to attend.

Save the Date! Thursday, April 27, 2017

29th Annual Alumni Dinner

Recipient of the Fr. Canning F. Harrison, C.S.B.

Distinguished Alumnus Award:

MR. GEORGE TUREK '66



Laurel Manor, Livonia

Tickets: \$150 per Person; \$250 per Couple;
\$50 per Person for alumni in classes 2007-2016;
\$1,000 to Sponsor a Table for 8

For more information, please contact the Office of Advancement and Alumni Relations at (248) 596-3838.



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28th Annual Alumni Dinner



Over 200 alumni and guests gathered at Laurel Manor Banquet Center on Thursday, April 28, 2016, for the 28th annual Alumni Dinner. The dinner is sponsored by the Catholic Central Alumni Association and recognizes alumni and Basilian Fathers who have done much to carry on CC's motto by living the virtues of Goodness, Discipline, and Knowledge. The recipients of the Fr. Canning F. Harrison, C.S.B. Distinguished Alumnus Award bring honor and distinction to Detroit Catholic Central High School. The 2016 honorees were **Fr. Robert Seguin, C.S.B. '58** and **Mr. William L. Matthews '58**.



FR. ROBERT SEGUIN, C.S.B. '58

Fr. Seguin was an outstanding student at CC. He was a member of the Gabriel Richard Club, the Lumen Club, and the Glee Club. Upon graduation, he entered the Basilian Novitiate and took first vows in August 1959. He earned his Honors and Masters Degrees in Biochemistry from the University of Windsor. In Toronto, Fr. Seguin earned his Theology degree and was ordained a Basilian priest in 1969. He has taught at Andrean High School (Merrville, Indiana), at Aquinas Institute in Rochester, New York, and at CC from 1964-66 and 1970-71. He was Chaplain at the University of Windsor for five years; Director of Novices in Detroit and Sugar Land, Texas, for five years; and assigned to St. Anne's Parish in Houston, Texas, in 1986. Fr. Seguin has been in Colombia since 1987 when the Basilian Fathers established a Mission Outreach to Colombia. He spent the first eight years in Cali establishing a school, then Medellin to begin a foundation in that city. He then went to an area of the Comuna 13 in Barrio Blanquizar where the Basilians worked for ten years, opening a clinic,

school, library, computer center, and art & carpentry workshop. As pastor for two years, Fr. Seguin opened a new parish, St. Basil, in Barrio Olaya. He was then assigned to Bogotá for four years where the Basilian community has a house of formation. He returned to Medellin for three years as an assistant to the new pastor, Fr. Pedro Mora, C.S.B. Fr. Seguin was then asked to open a novitiate in Santa Marta. Since January 2016, he has been the pastor of a parish in Taganga, a small area just outside of Santa Marta.



MR. WILLIAM L. MATTHEWS '58

Bill was a four-year member of the Gabriel Richard Club and played on some outstanding CC hockey teams. Fr. James Enright, C.S.B. married Bill and Peggy in 1962. They have four children – Cheryl, Kenneth, Mark, and Kevin, who passed away in 2012, and are blessed with eight grandchildren. Bill holds a BS in Business Administration from the University of Detroit, majoring in Accounting. He joined Plante Moran in 1961 and became a licensed CPA in 1964. During his 40+ years at Plante Moran, Bill held many management positions, including Firm Managing Partner from 1993 to 2001. He retired as Partner in 2002 and continued on the Board until 2007. Bill has been involved in numerous community activities, including the Board of Directors of Brighton Hospital, Detroit Economic Club, and Board of Trustees of Citizens Research Council of Michigan. His charitable and educational groups included Restore Foundation, Carehouse of Oakland County, and Covenant House of Michigan. At his beloved CC, Bill has served on the Alumni Board and given his time, talents, and treasure on many projects and committees. He has had special relationships with numerous alumni and many Basilians, especially with Fr. Enright and Fr. Elmer.

13th Annual Texas Shamrock Roundup Reunion

On Saturday, July 30, 2016, alumni and guests gathered for the annual CC Texas Shamrock Roundup Reunion. Beautiful Dr. Pepper Ball Park, home of the Frisco RoughRiders (Texas Rangers AA Baseball Team), was the backdrop for this relaxing and enjoyable gathering.

A special thank you to **John Fowler '56** and **Lee Maas '48** who organize and sponsor this fun event. We hope to see y'all next year!



Seated, left to right: Austin Haihcock '28, son of Dr. Jeff Haihcock '94, Fr. John Huber, C.S.B., John Fowler '56, and Tim Burke '86
Standing, left to right: Len Kiefel '62, Dr. Jeff Haihcock '94, Robert Walsh '81, RoughRider Mascot, Roger Lanciault '63, Brian Olind '69, Lt. Col. Thomas Baril '61, Ryan Gage '08, and Dan Collins '84

36TH ANNUAL ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT GOLF OUTING

On June 20, 2016, the Athletic Department hosted its 36th Annual Golf Outing at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon. Athletic Director **Aaron Babicz '93** and Administrative Assistant Nancy Johnson oversaw the very successful outing. This golf outing is the one major fundraiser specifically for the Athletic Department. The funds help budget the 14 sports programs that we have at CC. The success of our student-athletes would not be possible without the generous support of our athletic patrons. Thank you to all who support Shamrock athletics.

The champions for the fifth year in a row were Ed Babicz, Mark Cifaldi, Rick Bessega, Paul Clarkson, and Brian Dawson. Congratulations to this year's champions! Also, **Stan Wilkins '42** and **Ed Pujdowski '52** were honored as the Senior Division Champions. Special congratulations to **Ed Farragher '62** for making a hole-in-one and to **Gary Stegall '92** for making an albatross!



Left to right: **Ed Pujdowski '52**, **Aaron Babicz '93**, and **Stan Wilkins '42**



Left to right: Rick Bessega, Ed Babicz with future Shamrock Brooks Babicz, **Aaron Babicz '93**, and Brian Dawson

2016-17 Campus Crusades *Serving Our CC Brothers On The Road*

The Office of Advancement and Alumni Relations will be on the road again visiting alumni at several college campuses throughout the school year. Over the last few years, these reunions have grown in number and become quite successful. These "Campus Crusades" serve as a way for all CC alumni attending a particular college or university, or living in the area, to meet for lunch or dinner, get an update of what's happening at CC, reminisce about days spent at Mary, Alma Mater, and strengthen the bond they share as CC brothers.

Campus Crusades for Fall 2016:

September 15: Michigan State University
October 13: University of Michigan
October 20: Grand Valley/Aquinas College/Calvin College/Hope College
October 28: University of Notre Dame/Holy Cross College
November 3: University of Detroit Mercy/Wayne State University
November 10: University of Michigan-Dearborn

Class of 1986 30th Reunion

On June 3-4, 2016, classmates and guests from the Class of 1986 gathered to celebrate the 30th anniversary of graduation from 1-42-Double-O Breakfast Drive, CC! Some of the boys from '86 enjoyed a round of golf on June 3rd at Salem Hills. More memories, good times and fellowship were shared the next day, June 4th, at a Detroit Tigers game at Comerica Park.



Left to right: **Kris Brueck '86**, **Mike Balmforth '86**, **Chris Crespi '86**, **Kyle Moir '86**, **Pete Barnes '86**, **John Rehm '86**, and **Brent Wasik '86**



Seated, left to right: **Kris Brueck '86**, **Mark Kassa '86**, **Pat Nolan '86**, **Michael Moore '86**, **Tim Rogers '86**, **Brent Wasik '86**, and **Walt Bartels '86**
Standing, left to right: **Tim Burke '86**, **Jeff Gorceyca '86**, **Eric Donkers '86**, **Matt Smith '86**, **Dave Senatore '86**, **Jeff Sinelli '86**, **Tom Pelon '86**, **Mark Pinto '86**, **Dean Norton '86**, **Kyle Moir '86**, **Jeff Pastula '86**, **Jim Surowiec '86**, **Ken Fetzer '86**, **Brian Raftery '86**, **Greg Kozlowski '86**, **Kevin Metz '86**, **Lynn Ingram '86**, **Tony Signorelli '86**, and **John Rehm '86**
Not Pictured: **Mike Balmforth '86**, **Pete Barnes '86**, and **Chris Crespi '86**

Legacy Reunion Luncheon

The annual Catholic Central Legacy Reunion Mass and Luncheon was held at CC on June 14, 2016. For this gathering, we continued to include all of those classes that were 50 or more years removed from their CC graduation (1929-1966). This includes alumni from our first three school buildings on Harper Avenue, Belmont Avenue, and Outer Drive.

Nearly 150 alumni and their guests were in attendance for Mass and lunch. Mass was celebrated in the CC Chapel by CC President Fr. John Huber, C.S.B. and CC President Emeritus **Fr. Dick Elmer, C.S.B. '46**. A special thank you to **Fr. John Wheeler, C.S.B. '57**, **Rick Brown '67**, and the entire Alumni Glee Club for leading us in song during Mass.



Class of 1950



Class of 1959



Legacy Luncheon

Upcoming Reunions

Class of 1951 – 65th Reunion more details to follow

Contact: **Jim Fahrenkopf '51**
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Class of 1956 – 60th Reunion Boys' Bowl Sunday, October 16, 2016

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Tom Buechel '56
(248) 887-6417; tombuechel@comcast.net
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Class of 1961 – 55th Reunion Saturday, October 15, 2016

Contact: **John Rioux '61**; (734) 254-0169

Class of 1966 – 50th Reunion Boys' Bowl Weekend, October 14-16, 2016

Contact: **Roy Wilson '66**
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Class of 1971 – 45th Reunion Saturday, October 15, 2016

Contact: **Michael J. Butler '71**
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Tony Tedesco '71; (734) 780-4047; tedesco713@charter.net
Orrin Tibbits '71; (734) 347-2184; orrin.tibbits@yahoo.com

Class of 1976 – 40th Reunion November 12, 2016 Western Golf and Country Club, Redford, MI

Contact: **Mike Burke '76**
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Class of 1981 – 35th Reunion Friday, October 14, 2016

Contact: **Bill Gulowski '81**
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Class of 1996 – 20th Reunion Saturday, October 15, 2016

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Class of 2001 – 15th Reunion Saturday, November 26, 2016

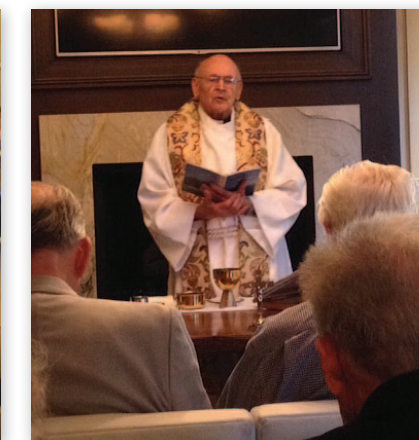
Contact: **Mark LaRosa '01**; mark@larosa.com

Class of 1946 70th Reunion

On June 29, 2016, classmates and guests from the Class of 1946 gathered to celebrate the 70th anniversary of graduation from our beloved Catholic Central High School, then on Belmont Avenue. **Fr. Richard Elmer, C.S.B. '46** offered Mass, followed by lunch and wonderful camaraderie!



Seated, left to right: **John Owens '46**, **Kevin Smea '46**, **Fr. Dick Elmer, C.S.B. '46**, **Jack Jacob '46**, and **John Lovasco '46**
Standing, left to right: **Bob Jensen '46**, **Norm Smith '46**, **Ralph Orlando '46**, **Ray Zynda '46**, and **Al Zientek '46**



Fr. Dick Elmer, C.S.B. '46 celebrates Mass.

Catholic League Hall of Fame

At the annual Catholic High School League Hall of Fame Banquet, held at Fern Hill Country Club on June 13, 2016, **Kyle Cooper '12** was inducted into the Hall of Fame for his remarkable athletic career at both CC and Hillsdale College. At Catholic Central, Kyle earned numerous All-League and All-Catholic honors as well as being named All-State in basketball. He was voted the Fr. James Whelan Award winner by his peers. Kyle continued his basketball career at Hillsdale College where he was named to the GLIAC Academic Excellence Team three years in a row. He was named the 2015-16 GLIAC Player of the Year and was also named a Second-Team All-American by the Division II Conference Commissioner's Association. Kyle was named

First-Team Academic All-American twice and became the first player in Hillsdale history to be named the Capital One College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-American of the Year. Kyle signed a professional contract to play for Amics Castellon, a second division team in the Province of Castellon, Spain, off the Mediterranean Sea.

Additionally, **Jerry Ashe '71** was inducted into the Catholic League Hall of Fame for his many years of coaching softball at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills. The Marlins won the 2016 Division 1 State Championship, the first softball state title in program history!



Left to right: **Fr. Dennis Kauffman, C.S.B.**, **Aaron Hess '12**, **Dan Mixer '12**, **Patrick Collins '12**, **Matt Doneth '12**, **Clay Behrman '12**, **Garrett Wiska '12**, **Jake Widmer '12**, **Brett Mizzi '12**, **Kyle Cooper '12**, **Fr. Richard Elmer, C.S.B. '46**, **Aaron Babicz '93**, **J.D. Field '11**, **Fr. John Huber, C.S.B.**, **Connor Cooper '14**, **Josh Fanning '13**, **Tom Mach**, **Jeff Wiska '77**, **Jerry Ashe '71**, **Carmin Palombo '70**, **Dan Collins '84**, and **Robert Ogar**



Teach Us To Be Men: The Campaign for CC Students

Endowment Trust Promotes Academic Excellence

The names are Embser, Sheehy, Regan, and Menner; legendary Basilian Fathers who formed the foundation of excellence that all men of CC have aspired to attain for nearly 90 years. Years ago, the names of these special Basilians were chosen to create some unique scholarships. These were the only scholarships offered by CC to incoming students, to attract some of the area's brightest and best. For nearly two decades, these gifted students have formed the foundation of CC's academic excellence. They have helped the school to have the most National Merit Scholars of any school in the archdiocese, as well as earning recognition as having the finest Academic Team in the state and one of the best in the country, and soon to have one of the best Robotics teams in the state. Upon graduation, the men of CC earn millions of dollars in academic scholarships for college each and every year.

NOWHERE ELSE BUT CC

Catholic Central was the first school to offer the most generous academic scholarships in the archdiocese, and the first and only school to offer the opportunity to **renew** those scholarships for all four years of attendance. Scholarships are awarded to incoming freshmen students based solely on the results of the High School Placement Test (HSPT). To qualify, the HSPT must be taken in November or December of the student's eighth grade year.

MISSION CRITICAL

It is critical to our future that these Scholarship Funds be funded exclusively by the CC Endowment Trust so we can eliminate the burden on the annual operating budget which is funded primarily by tuition. Right now, that is not the case. A primary objective of our school's Strategic Plan and one of the main goals of our **Teach Us To Be Men Campaign** is to keep CC as accessible to all students as possible. That accessibility is being threatened by the continuous rise in tuition.

INVITATION TO INVEST

The **Teach Us To Be Men Campaign** is a five-year "major gift" initiative introduced in 2013 that will run through the year 2018. The campaign's primary focus is the endowment for students and faculty. Of paramount importance to accomplishing our goals, is the funding of our Academic Scholarships.

If you would like to have more information about our Academic Scholarship Program, or would like to make an investment in the program, please contact **Dan Collins '84**, Director of Advancement, at (248) 596-3834 or dcollins@catholiccentral.net.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic scholarships are available to all students based solely on the results of the November and December High School Placement Test.



FR. JAMES EMBSER SCHOLARSHIPS –
\$4,000/year for students scoring 98-99% on HSPT and holding a 3.9 GPA.



FR. JOHN SHEEHY SCHOLARSHIPS –
\$3,000/year for students scoring 96-97% on HSPT and holding a 3.8 GPA.



FR. BERNARD REGAN SCHOLARSHIPS –
\$2,000/year for students scoring 94-95% on HSPT and holding a 3.7 GPA.



FR. JOHN MENNER SCHOLARSHIPS –
\$1,000/year for students scoring 92-93% on HSPT and holding a 3.6 GPA.



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ALUMNI Spotlight Interview: **Mark Kassa '86**by **Shaun Sova '09**, Associate Director of Advancement

A member of one of the largest families to attend CC, **Mark Kassa '86** has worked for over 30 years in the family [grocery] business at the corner of Linwood and Davison on the west side of Detroit. He is a voting member of the Grammy Awards (the Recording Academy). He has worked with Michigan Sports Hall of Fame Coach Robert Brown for the United Youth 2000 mentoring program at Detroit Loyola High School. He was a regular volunteer at the St. Dominic's Soup Kitchen in Detroit. When he is not working in the family business, he is managing and performing in his band Slight Return. But what *Aluminator* readers really want to know is...

**TELL US HOW YOU BECAME A MUSICIAN.**

My interest in music was really triggered by a Stevie Ray Vaughan concert at the Meadowbrook Amphitheatre (Pine Knob/DTE Music Theatre) in 1985. Stevie came out on the stage with his white Stratocaster with lipstick pickups and just blew everyone away. That moment changed my life musically, and I realized this was something I wanted to do someday. I went to Wayne State University after graduating from CC, while continuing to work for the family business. This was before the internet, and I knew I wanted to study music, so I ended up moving out to Los Angeles and attending Musicians Institute for a one-year vocational program. In that program, we learned four years of music theory all crammed into a period of six months. Whenever the big bands were in town, some of the musicians would stop in, and we would get to jam with them. I got a chance to play with Prince's rhythm section, for example. This experience was an incredible foundation for me to begin my musical career.

Once I returned to Michigan, I formed Slight Return with my CC buddy, **Alberto Rosal '87**. We began writing, jamming, and gigging around the Detroit area. We were very inspired by Jimi Hendrix's jam-style blues/rock and roll, and after a few years of building up our name, we received a major label offer. I ended up turning down the offer, though, because I had two very young kids at the time, and those are years you can never get back.

Plus, I didn't like the idea of a label owning the band, its image and likeness, songs...etc. I would rather play music without my hands tied and maintain control of what I create.

In 2004, we were in the studio, and Alberto had a cough. We encouraged him to go to the doctor, and it turned out he had stage-four cancer, and he ended up passing away just a few months later. I quit playing music for about a year after that happened; it just didn't feel right without him in the band. It wasn't until my amazing wife convinced me to return that I actually considered playing again. She knows I'm not at my best when I'm not playing music, and she told me, "Alberto wouldn't want you to quit." So that was when I began teaching myself to sing and play guitar at the same time and reformed Slight Return.

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE MEMORIES WORKING IN MUSIC OVER THE YEARS?

Now that my kids are becoming more independent, I have been able to push the band out into the "big leagues" a little more recently. I was approached by producer Rich Mansor from San Diego, CA, to write a high intensity theme song for Kevin Taylor, a Guinness record-holding "brick breaker." The song and our entire album *Welcome To The D* was recorded here in Detroit at a studio run by Jim Diamond called Ghetto Recorders. Jim worked with famous Detroit band The White Stripes and opened Ghetto Recorders in 1996. The studio was originally a chicken processing plant and the studio room's floor was still slanted for that purpose. The entire space had a very industrial raw energy to it which was what I wanted for the songs.

On the *Welcome To The D* album, I was fortunate enough to collaborate with Billy Cox (Jimi Hendrix Experience), George Clinton (Parliament Funkadelic), Davey Pattison (Robin Trower), Tony Green (Snoop Dogg, Dr. Dre), Dennis Coffey (Motown Funk Bros), and Pat Lewis (Isaac Hayes, Aretha Franklin). I was also fortunate to have the mixing and editing done by Jack Endino (Nirvana, Soundgarden). All of them are incredible musicians, but working with Billy Cox was a big highlight of my career. A lot of the guys didn't think I could convince him to play on our tracks for the album, but I reached out to his management and sent him a copy of what we were working on, and I received a call from Billy himself. He asked us to come down to Nashville to work on the music with him, and after we finished the work, he offered me a spot in his band on the Experience Hendrix tour. Unfortunately, I had to turn down his offer due to some family obligations, but just the fact that he offered the spot validated my entire career!

Working with George Clinton was also a highlight for me. It was another scenario where people did not think I would get him to play on the album, but once again I sent out the request with the music and got a call back. We chose to work with George at United Sound studios in Detroit because I knew George recorded there with Parliament Funkadelic and would be comfortable there. On one of the songs, I had recorded some vocals just as guidelines for George to follow, but once I went to remove them, he stopped me saying, "No, you can't take those out. That's that Detroit sound I like!" We also ended up recording two videos with George to go along with the songs.



I also have an upcoming album called *Vicious Tides* featuring Andy Vargas, lead singer for Santana, and world-renowned drummer Dennis Chambers (Santana, P-Funk, Steely Dan, Jackson 5).

WHAT IS THE MOST CHALLENGING ASPECT OF BALANCING WORK, FAMILY, AND A SUCCESSFUL MUSIC CAREER?

I think finding the time to sleep is the most challenging! But I always say that whether or not you get three, five, or eight hours of sleep, you always wake up tired anyways. So I tend to cut into that time the most to get everything done. It is especially difficult because I'm not just playing in a band. I'm the manager, writer, producer, promoter, video director... etc. I like to have my hands in the entire process. All the while, running the family business and being there for my wife and kids. Life is really about balance. If you go too far into just one thing, then the other aspects of your life will fail. It seems that finding that perfect balance between family, work, and music is key for me.

YOU SEEM VERY PROUD OF YOUR DETROIT HERITAGE. HOW DOES THAT IMPACT YOUR MUSIC?

Well, I grew up here. The Kassa Family has been doing business here since the 1930s, and this is where some of my favorite R&B and funk acts got their start. I have just always promoted Detroit. Out in L.A., they called me "Dr. Detroit." I remember being at the very first game the Red Wings ever won in Joe Louis Arena. I wrote a song called "Welcome to the D" way back, and as a result, I own the copyrights and trademarks related to "the D" being referred to Detroit. There's something about the Detroit attitude that bleeds into all the cool stuff to come out of this area. Just think about it, the automobile, Motown, Bob Seger, Alice Cooper, Ted Nugent, Eminem, The White Stripes...etc. They all started here. There's something about innovation in Detroit. Maybe it's because the weather is so cold and miserable for three months out of the year, we are forced to stay indoors and create things. That is the best time to write music after all. Seattle sort of has the same thing going on.

HOW HAS CC PREPARED YOU FOR LIFE?

Going to Catholic Central got me used to being regimented and focused on scheduling my day, which made college so much easier, knowing how to find time for everything you needed to do. I felt prepared for life right out of the gate at CC, more than just learning out of a book. But overall, one of my favorite parts of CC was how everyone got along with everyone.

I believe that is a key part in a young man's life where such a supportive community and friends makes a huge difference. At that age, it is harder to find self-motivation and a sense of direction. CC pushes you, the teachers motivate and inspire you to achieve in a healthy environment, and when it's all over, you are prepared for not just college, but life.

WHAT WERE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE CC MEMORIES?

Oh there were so many, though I don't think I can talk about all of them! I remember teachers like Mr. Duffourc, Mr. Petrovich, Mr. Rodriguez, Mr. Magni, and Mr. Rossi or "Ripper" as we called him. Mr. Rossi was one of my favorites, certainly a very funny guy. All these guys taught so much about teamwork and comradery that is so important to a young man at that point in his life; it's the little stuff that sticks with you. I can remember Mr. Rodriguez taking us all bowling at Shamrock Lanes and he would love to play pranks on us and laugh with us. He would run to the bus as if he were going to leave, which left us all scrambling to get our bowling shoes off and rush to the bus. Those teachers knew how to guide and push you to your limit, but they also could laugh with you, and I ended up learning important lessons in those classes, outside of just the subject matter in the books.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU SHARE WITH AN ASPIRING MUSICIAN OR ARTIST?

Stay true to yourself and what you do. Believe in what you do and do not deviate from that. The guys from Nirvana didn't become who they were by trying to be anyone else but themselves. One of my favorite quotes is from Miles Davis, "20% is the note that you play, and 80% is the attitude of the guy playing it." If you believe in your product and you are having fun, then that is all that matters, and it will show through to others. My other piece of advice would be to spend just as much time on the business side of your craft as you do practicing it. So many guys just spend all their time "woodshedding" and never make it out of their bedrooms. Nowadays with the internet, it's so easy to promote yourself and make connections to get out there. So spend just as much time networking and promoting yourself as you do actually writing and practicing the music.

WHERE CAN OUR READERS FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR MUSIC?

The best place is at my website, www.SlightReturn.com. We have information about upcoming shows, music videos, and access to our latest recordings as they become available.



Left to right: **Mark Kassa '86** with George Clinton; Mark with his wife, Marilyn, and daughters, Kristen, Katherine, and Marie; Mark performing on stage with his band Slight Return

Heritage Families *continued*

In the Winter 2015 issue of the *Aluminator* (Vol. 64 No. 2) we featured in the lead article the families that have CC alumni in more than one generation. We asked such families to let us know who they are and to send us information and pictures of themselves. Many answered at that time, but we suspected that many had not been able to let us know. Below are two of these. We encourage any others that are missing to let us know for future issues. – Ed.

TIBBITS HERITAGE FAMILY

- Orrin Tibbits '71 – Father
- Jim Bernthal '90 – Stepson
- Michael Tibbits '11 – Son
- Gabriel Mitchell '19 – Grandson
- Ryan Cavanaugh '03 – Nephew



Left to right: Michael Tibbits '11, Orrin Tibbits '71, and Gabriel Mitchell '19



Ryan Cavanaugh '03

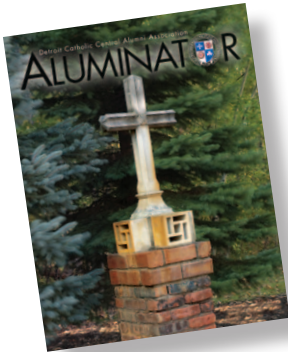
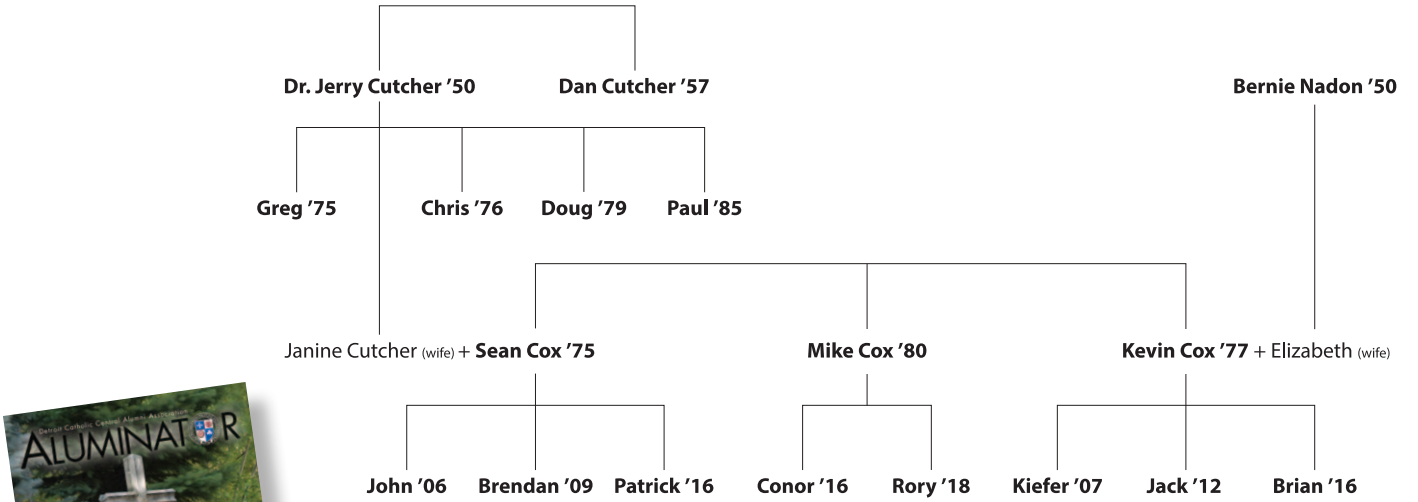


Jim Bernthal '90

COX, CUTCHER HERITAGE FAMILY



Left to right: Jack Cox '12, Brendan Cox '09, Kiefer Cox '07, John Cox '06, Sean Cox '75, Patrick Cox '16, Brian Cox '16, Conor Cox '16, Dr. Jerry Cutcher '50, Rory Cox '18, Kevin Cox '77, and Mike Cox '80



Any heritage families that have still not submitted a photo may do so for inclusion in future issues. – Ed.

Left: Winter 2015 issue of the *Aluminator*



ALUMNI BUSINESS PROFILE: Matt Becker '90

by Dan Collins '84, Director of Advancement



ST. BASIL'S ALE – MATT BECKER '90

The label states, “Brewed with Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge,” but the secret ingredients are conviction, character, and compassion. That is the simple story behind the creation of St. Basil's Ale.

Matt Becker '90, the ultra-successful entrepreneur and owner and brew master of Brewery Becker in Brighton, has always been full of philanthropic spirit. He has never forgotten the opportunity given to him by his parents when they chose to send him to CC in 1986, and he yearned to help other young men, many not so privileged as he, realize the dream of a CC education.

Upon opening Brewery Becker in 2014 in the fabulously renovated former Western House Hotel, Matt began giving back to CC through his relationship with **Hugh Pobur '78** and Alumni Merchant Services, but wanted to do more. He dreamed of creating a beer that would pay tribute to the Basilian Fathers and CC and benefit the students, both present and future, of Catholic Central.

Thanks to a chance meeting between customer and owner, CC was blessed when customer **John Ivers '55** met owner **Matt Becker '90** in the Brewery Becker beer garden one day in the summer of 2015. A conversation ensued about their bond as CC brothers, and Matt shared his dream with John. John immediately called Fr. Elmer and the first meeting between brew master and Basilian took place in the fall of 2015.

Matt's proposal was to brew an abbey style beer, in honor of the Basilian Fathers and all proceeds, 100%, would benefit the young men of CC in the form of need-based tuition assistance. Fr. Elmer and I were overwhelmed with the idea and work began to make the dream come true.



All of Matt's hard work, determination, and love for CC culminated on May 14 when nearly 200 members of Shamrock Nation gathered at Brewery Becker for the official introduction of St. Basil's Ale. It was the first batch and the reviews were overwhelming! St. Basil's was a hit!

St. Basil's Ale is a seasonal beer that will be brewed annually by Matt and Brewery Becker in the Spring and Fall. St. Basil's is available exclusively on tap at Brewery Becker, 500 W. Main St., Brighton, and in bottles at the following retailers:

- Canopy Bottle & Gourmet Shoppe - Brighton, MI
- Good Time Party Store - Northville, MI
- Vic and Bob's Party Store - Howell, MI
- Joe's Produce & Gourmet Market - Livonia, MI
- Pilgrim Party Shoppe - Plymouth, MI
- Wine Castle - Livonia, MI

To contact Matt and to find out more about Brewery Becker, go to www.brewerybecker.com, call (810) 844-0225, or check out Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/brewerybecker>



Above: **Matt Becker '90**; Left inset: The **Burkes** and **Dewans** picking up the last of the first batch of St. Basil's Ale from Mr. Becker himself!

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VEX

ROBOTICS

CC STUDENTS ADVANCE TECHNOLOGY TO NEW HEIGHTS

by Heather Vingsness

Beginning

OAKLAND COUNTY COMPETITIVE ROBOTICS ASSOCIATION (OCCRA)

The robotics team began in 2006 when the Oakland County Competitive Robotics Association (OCCRA) league approached Mr. Racey and Mrs. Chabala. Our team number is 203, after Mr. Racey's room number.

OCCRA is a local association formed to increase the number of students involved in competitive robotics. This is a full contact robotics competition, where students will control 120 pound robo-gladiators as they clash on the field of play. OCCRA robots play rough and some damage will surely occur, but unlike "Battlebots" the rules prohibit teams from intentionally damaging another machine.

Unlike the FIRST competitions, OCCRA requires that the entire robot be student-designed and built. Adult involvement is strictly regulated. Teams are forbidden from having corporate sponsorships or using heavy machinery. The robots must be constructed using hand tools such as hacksaws, cordless drills, and rulers.

This rule is intended to ensure equality among teams with varying resources (e.g. having a machine shop in the team's high school or in a team member's garage). OCCRA is a fall-only sport. Since FIRST robotics is spring-only, OCCRA is used by many local high schools as a pre-season for the FIRST robotics competition.

Our OCCRA team has won many awards through the years, the most recent being the 2013 season where we placed in the top three in every tournament and ended as a semifinalist in the county championship. Mr. Racey won the Mentor of the Year award after the 2013-2014 season. As a result of our 2013-2014 success, the team grew from five to ten 'sort of committed' robot hobbyists to more than twenty committed team members.

Adding to the program

VEX ROBOTICS COMPETITION (VRC)

In 2012, CC added a VEX Robotics program, Team Number 2030. (They wanted team 203 to match the OCCRA team, but that number was taken. They chose 2030 as a tribute). The purpose was apparently to give the team the opportunity to work year-round, since OCCRA is fall-only and the VEX season runs from August to April.

During this transition, Mrs. Chabala stepped down and Mr. Ahronheim became the assistant coach for Mr. Racey. The team had five committed members in 2012-2014. They received an invitation to the World Championship in spring 2014 and the excitement grew. They met students from St. Michael's College School, the Basilian school in Toronto and formed a friendship. As a result of this friendship, we have attended a tournament at St. Michael's for the past two falls. The five students who were part of that first "successful" team were **Jake Aprilliano '15**, now a member of the VEX University team at Michigan State, **Jacob Swaneck '16**, **Conor Starrs '16**, **Mithuun Srinivasan '16**, and **Jacob George '17**.

The 2014-2015 season was wildly successful for VEX. We went from having one robot (2030A) and five students to three robots (2030 A-C) and over twenty students. All three robots qualified for the state championship by winning tournaments eight different times. Teams A and C swept the State Championship and qualified for the World Championship in Louisville, Kentucky. The World Championship was an incredible experience! 450 teams from around the world competed over a five day period.

The 2015-2016 season was a period of steady growth for VEX. We added two additional robots, bringing our total to five (2030 A-E) robots and 35 students. Three of our five robots (A, C, and D) qualified for the State Championship, but did not advance to the World Championship. We added a new Assistant Coach, Mr. Schulte, this season.

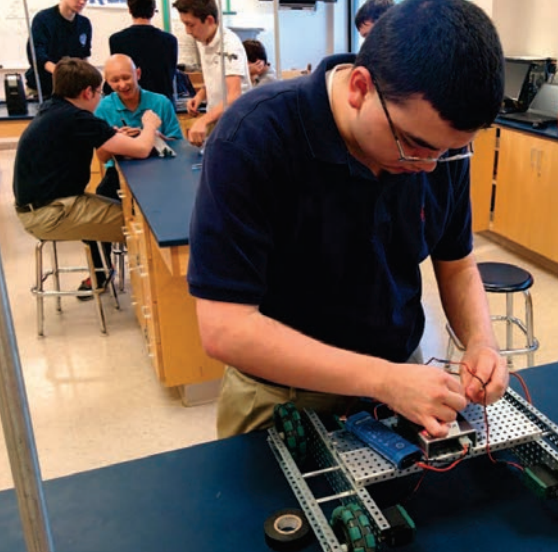
Right, top: VEX team member **Jacob Swaneck '16** programs the robot using the coding language Robot-C. He was enrolled in Mr. Ahronheim's AP Computer Science course and designed 2016's extremely popular DRIVE game.

Right, second from top: A view of the field at the FIRST Robotics State Championship in Grand Rapids. The top 102 of 411 teams in Michigan advance to the State Championship. FIRST robotics events are electrifying events that last for days.

Right, third from top: Here is a picture of our VEX A team vs. the St Michael's College School A team at their tournament in Toronto.

Right, bottom: This was our entire VEX team in 2014. Now we have more than 30 members. Pictured is **Jacob Swaneck '16**, **Jacob Aprilliano '15**, **Conor Starrs '16**, **Mithuun Srinivasan '16**, and **Jacob George '17**. This was taken at the Anaheim Convention Center in California.





VEX team member **Quinton Schawgle '16** assembles and wires a VEX robot.

Details OF VEX COMPETITION

VEX involves building an 18-inch cube robot to complete a task on a 12-foot by 12-foot field. Matches are two minutes long. Team members control the robots using video game controllers which have been programmed so that each of the joysticks and buttons moves a different set of motors on the robot. Robots play on alliances of 2 vs 2 robots. Teams are limited in parts to the pieces supplied by the VEX company. The optimal team size for each robot is four to six students. Since the teams are smaller, every student gets hands-on experience with every part of the robot building process. Teams typically consist of a Captain, a Programmer, and two to four Engineers. Currently, CC has five VEX teams.

Competitions are held over the course of a single day, typically on Saturdays. CC usually attends six regional tournaments per year, once each month, plus the State and World Championships when we qualify.



Above, left: 2014 OCCRA team members **Andrew Ganss '18**, **Scott Spittler '15**, **Brendan Beaver '15**, and mentor **Mike Spillane '10** wire the Big Bot.

Middle: 2015-2016 VEX team members **Alex Zarouck '17**, **Nick Cardasis '17**, **Mike Holland '17**, and **Nathan Leonardo '17** work on their robot between matches at the Yankee Air Museum competition. The tournament was actually held in an old plane hangar with historic planes.

Right: The setup of a typical region level VEX tournament, held in high school gymnasiums across the state. Our guys are on the left and right sides of the field.

Founding Coaches

JOHN RACEY AND JUDY CHABALA,
THE ORIGINAL
FOUNDING
COACHES OF THE
ROBOTICS TEAM,
AT A COMPETITION.



Adding A FIRST ROBOTICS COMPETITION (FRC) TEAM

As a result of the success of both OCCRA and VEX in 2013-2015, interest in the program skyrocketed. Ms. Vingsness began as the assistant coach to Mr. Ahronheim in 2014-2015. Ms. Vingsness had previous experience coaching a World Championship qualifying FIRST team and was interested in forming a FIRST team at CC as a supplement to OCCRA. That way, there would be two year-round robotics programs at CC: VEX and OCCRA (fall) / FIRST (spring).

Differences BETWEEN FIRST AND VEX

VEX Robotics Competition began in 2005 as FIRST VEX Challenge, a middle-school precursor to FIRST Robotics. The FIRST and VEX companies split in 2007. VEX has since grown into its own program that includes elementary through college challenges. Competition setup and goals are similar between FIRST and VEX, although the two programs are on a much different scale.

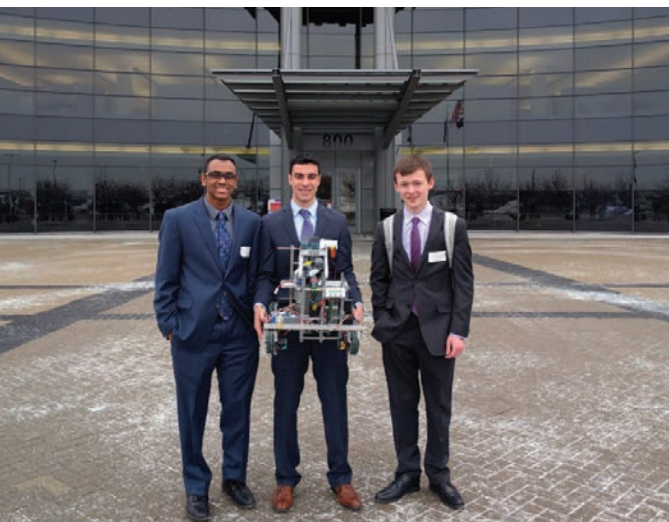
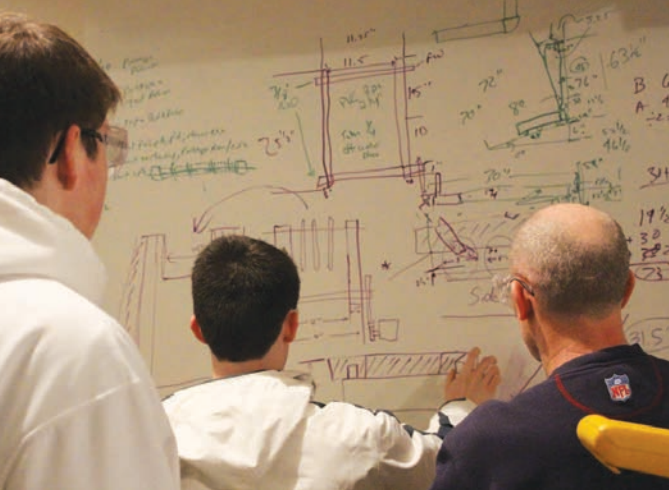
FIRST emphasizes the principles of engineering and designing under a budget and time crunch, and allows for precision machining. Students work in larger teams and gain specialized technical knowledge. Competitions are larger, higher-stakes, and more energetic.

VEX emphasizes the engineering process, where a design is modified and perfected before a product is released. Competitions are smaller, lower-risk, and cozier. Students work in smaller teams and get a broader view of the robotics engineering process.

Below, left: Our FIRST team had the opportunity to meet Governor Snyder in their pit area at the Michigan State Championship. Pictured is **Michael Gies '16**, head mentor Joe Lemieux, **Joe Migora '19**, **Alex Lozano '16**, Governor Snyder, **Carl Urbanik '18**, Grace Szytman (sister of **Alex Szytman '16**), **Jerry LaGore '19**, and **Jameson Boerema '19**.

Right: Our team on "Bag Day." We only have six weeks to build, wire, and program our FIRST robot, and on the last day of the Build Season we have to "bag and tag" our robot by securing it in a gigantic trash bag with a numbered zip-tie. We aren't allowed to cut the zip tie or remove the robot from the bag until the beginning of our first competition. This keeps teams honest and makes sure all teams have the same amount of time to work on the robot.





Details OF FIRST COMPETITION

FIRST involves building up to a 4.5' tall robot to compete in a task on a field the size of a basketball court. Matches are two minutes long. Just like VEX, team members control the robots using video game controllers which have been programmed so that each of the joysticks and buttons moves a different set of motors on the robot. Robots play on alliances of 3 vs 3 robots.

The robot can be built out of nearly anything, although there is a price limit of \$400 on each individual piece, and a price limit for the entire robot. Students are limited in construction time rather than materials – the robot must be completed during the six-week build season, packaged, and sent to the competition.

After the build season ends, students are severely restricted in the timing and amount of modifications they can make. The optimal team size is 15-30 students. Since teams are larger and the time pressure is so intense, students often become specialized in one aspect of the robot's function, such as programming, wiring, or building a specific mechanical system. Currently, CC has one FIRST team.

Top: 2016 FIRST team members **Carl Urbanik '18** and **Michael Gies '16**, along with mentor Ed Gies, plan out our 2016 FIRST robot's ball intake on the whiteboard.

Second from top: VEX teams A, C, and D attended a tournament at St. Michael's College School in Toronto this year.

Third from top: Our VEX robot was invited to General Motors headquarters this spring for a sponsorship presentation. Mentor Jon Judd arranged the meeting. GM is supporting our team's exploration of electrical battery discharge and wiring. Pictured are **Mithuun Srinivasan '16**, **Jon Jraiche '16**, and **Jacob Swaneck '16**.

Bottom: Here are the A and B teams who attended the VEX World Championship in Louisville in 2015. We swept the Michigan State VEX Championship a few weeks before this.



Dedication OF THE STUDENTS

Robotics is a year-round team activity. The young men are incredibly dedicated to the team and put in similar amounts of time as they would for a sports team. The Robotics team meets, on average, 15 hours/week. In addition to regularly scheduled meetings and competitions, they spend weekends and summers building their skills. They take workshops on wiring, pneumatics, welding, and shop skills. They attend programming hackathons, present to local businesses and schools, and build their leadership skills.

Robotics is a "sport for the mind," and the only sport where every participant can go pro. The skills they learn on the robotics team will transfer 100% to full-time employment in the future in areas of science, technology, engineering, and math. There are millions of dollars in scholarships available at hundreds of prestigious universities for robotics team members. The boys on our team are not only having fun, but their high school investment will very likely directly transfer to future success.

Vision FOR THE FUTURE

The robotics team's membership has grown quickly in the past few years, and will likely continue to do so. This next year, we plan to move into a new workspace and build relationships with the community. We hope to gain more mentors with expertise as electricians, welders, computer programmers, engineers, and salespeople. We plan to find summer internships and positions for our students in STEM fields in the community so they can put their new skills to practical use.

We want to hold tournaments at Catholic Central so the larger community can come to our house and feel firsthand the brotherhood and spirit that echoes from the walls of our building. We hope that teams will be established at our local elementary and middle schools where we can help other young men grow up with a love of engineering, science, technology, and mathematics. There's a lot to come, and we look forward to the challenge.

Mentors AND MODERATORS

The OCCRA team is currently moderated by Ms. Vingsness and Mr. Prais.

Mike Spillane '10, who was a member of the OCCRA team from its beginning, still volunteers with us as a mentor.

Mr. Joe Lemieux, parent of CC grad **Kyle '15**, is our lead mentor. He is an engineer at Fiat-Chrysler. He has previously coached team 4405 The Atoms Family, based out of Plymouth Christian Academy. He has a huge wealth of information, and we wouldn't be able to operate without him.

Other key mentors this year: Beth and Dave Ganss (parents of **Thomas '14** and **Andrew '18**), Wende Boerema (mother of **Jameson '19**), and Ed Gies (father of **Michael '16**).

The VEX teams are currently moderated by Mr. Ahronheim and Mr. Schulte. The FIRST Robotics team is currently moderated by Ms. Vingsness and Mr. Ahronheim.



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2016-17 Calendar of Events

August

- 17 School Begins
- 25 Senior Parents' College Info Night – 7:00 pm

September

- 4 David Widzinski Community Golf Classic – 1:00 pm
- 5 Labor Day Holiday – no classes
- 8 Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting – 7:00 pm
- 11 25th Annual Family Fest – 12:00 pm
- 12 Dads' Club General Meeting – 6:00 pm
- 14 Mothers' Club Mass & General Meeting – 6:00 pm
- 18 Senior Mass & Blessing – 10:00 am
- 29 Gabriel Richard Night – 7:00 pm

October

- 8 Mothers' Club Rummage Sale – 8:00 pm
- 9 Father/Son Field Day – 10:00 am
- 10 Dads' Club General Meeting – 6:00 pm
- 14 Boys' Bowl Assembly – 9:30 am
- 16 15th Annual Gerry Di Ponio '65 Memorial Mass & Breakfast – 10:00 am
- 10th Annual Athletic Hall of Fame
- 72nd Annual Boys' Bowl Football Game: CC vs. DeLaSalle – 1:00 pm
- 17 Boys' Bowl Holiday – no classes
- 19 National Testing Day
- 20 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 26 String Orchestra Concert – 7:00 pm
- 27 Mothers' Club Evening of Reflection – 6:00 pm
- 29 High School Placement Test Prep Class – 8:00 am
- 30 Alumni Association/Dads' Club Memorial Mass & Breakfast – 10:00 am
- 31 Student Council Canned Food Drive – All Week

November

- 6 Open House – 12:00 - 4:00 pm
- 12 High School Placement Test Prep Class – 8:00 am
- 14 Dads' Club General Meeting – 6:00 pm
- 15 Current Freshman Parents' Info Night – 7:00 pm
- 19 High School Placement Test – 7:30 am
- 20 President's Mass & Breakfast – 9:00 am
- 24 Thanksgiving Holiday – no classes
- 28 Student Council Charity Drive Week

December

- 3 High School Placement Test – 7:30 am
- Parents' Christmas Dinner Dance – 6:00 pm
- 4 Breakfast with Santa – 10:00 am
- Band Christmas Concert – 6:30 pm
- 8 Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting – 6:00 pm
- 12 Dads' Club General Meeting – 6:00 pm
- 22 Christmas Vacation Begins
(Classes resume January 5, 2017)

January

- 5 Classes Resume – 2nd Semester Begins
- 9 Dads' Club General Meeting – 6:00 pm
- 11 Senior Parents' Graduation Info Night – 7:00 pm
- 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday – no classes
- 18 Mothers' Club Mass & General Meeting – 6:00 pm
- 23 Junior Parents' College Info Night – 7:00 pm
- 30 National Honor Society Induction – 7:00 pm



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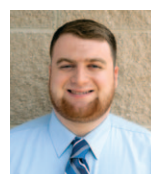
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12:00-4:00 pm

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CC STUDENTS AS SEEN BY STRANGERS

In our last issue we included a letter from a stranger who was moved to comment on the favorable impression she formed of our students out in public. Here is another letter that Fr. Noelke received a couple of months later expressing the same praise for the generosity of our students. — Ed.



December 06, 2015

Dear Father Noelke,

I would like to apprise you of the service work of a number of your fine young men this morning in Ann Arbor.

I am the co-founder and coach (along with Ms. Kimberly Gears) of the Ann Arbor Rockets, a special needs hockey program serving athletes who for varying reasons are not able to find success with traditional hockey programs. Some of our athletes have tried to participate in community based programs, but due to their circumstances have been shuffled around or told "no." On the Rockets, everyone plays and does the best they can.

We have games with other special hockey programs, but a real highlight for our athletes is playing against other community teams. This morning, your young men came out to Ann Arbor to play with our Rockets, and they reflected very well on your school. They were abundantly respectful of our athletes and eased up when playing our athletes with more challenges, and then pressed a bit more with our athletes who could manage a bit more heat.

I recall well how much I loved in high school sleeping in on the weekends. When your athletes don't have formal games or practices scheduled I'm sure they are no different than I was at their age. To take a precious Sunday morning to drive out to Ann Arbor to play in a game where the goal was exclusively to provide a competitive game for another group of athletes shows that they understand a critical fact: that athletes are athletes, and all athletes deserve the right to have respectful competition no matter what challenges they may face.

I hope you are very proud of your young men; I certainly was in having the opportunity to meet them and watch them play with our Rockets. Warmest wishes to you, your families, and your staff at Catholic Central during this special time.

"Coach Jackie"

Jacqueline Kaufman, PhD

Associate Professor

University of Michigan

Depr. of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Fall at Catholic Central A NEW BEGINNING

by Fr. William Riegel, C.S.B.



The halls, classrooms, cafeteria are once again filled with eager freshmen, now-seasoned sophomores, sturdy juniors, and, of course, final-year seniors with their certain look forward! We have once again started anew. But, as always, we remind one another that, in addition to academics, clubs, sports, and other multiple activities, we are still founded and focused on the most important fact of our faith: *"Jesus Christ is the reason for Catholic Central."* After finally settling down, we celebrated the sacrament of reconciliation, that healing moment in this Year of Mercy. This prepared all of us to celebrate the opening Mass of the Holy Spirit... to enflame and inspire us to resolve to do our very best in the coming months, but especially to deepen our relationship with the Lord and again be conscious of the "brotherhood" that

distinguishes us among all the Catholic Schools.

We were invited to attend the daily Mass in our chapel at 7:20 am. Our weekly retreat days began at St. Paul's Retreat Center that allowed us to really focus on our faith and, again, be made aware that this is the foundation of a CC man. Each class begins with a moment of silence followed by a prayer that reminds us of Christ our teacher. Christian principles of leadership are strengthened in our Student Government. Each of our athletic teams start the season with a Mass, and a prayer invoking Mary Alma Mater, begins each and every game. Often, her anthem is sung at the end of a game.

September 12, the feast of the Holy Name of Mary, was one of great celebration for our Basilian Fathers. Fr. Robert Kasun, C.S.B. was ordained to the Episcopacy as the Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto. This brings to five, the number of our own chosen as cardinal and bishop, a singular honor for the Community. Yes, another year has begun with much energy, spirit, enthusiasm, hope, promise, and faith! Yes, another year has begun. But no matter how things change at CC, we are still grounded on our Catholic Tradition and Faith: *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."* Hebrews 13:8

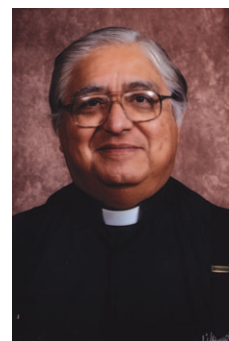
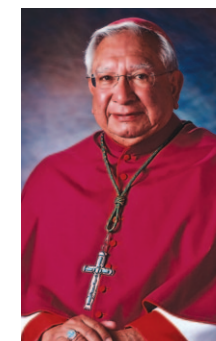
Indeed "What we call the beginning is often the end. And to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from."
-T.S. Eliot



CC BASILIANS Ordained 50 Years

Three Basilian Fathers who have taught at Catholic Central celebrate the 50th year of their ordination this year.

They were ordained on December 10, 1966. Bishop Ricardo Ramirez, C.S.B. taught at Catholic Central as a scholastic in 1961-1962. He is a native of Bay City, Texas. Fr. Marvin Labute, C.S.B. taught at CC from 2001 to 2007. He is a native of Windsor, Ontario. Fr. Raymond Paramo, C.S.B. has spent the entire fifty years of his priestly ministry at Catholic Central. He came here in 1967 just after his ordination. He is a native of Houston, Texas.



Left to right: Bishop Ricardo Ramirez, C.S.B., Fr. Marvin Labute, C.S.B., and Fr. Raymond Paramo, C.S.B.

WEDDING BELLS

1990 – MIKE DERHAKE married Christine Burford on May 14, 2016, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Both Mike and Christine live and work in Las Vegas.



Left to right: JP Angell '90, Joe Derhake '88, Tom Derhake '96, Erik Burton '90, Christine Derhake, Mike Derhake '90, Paul Noel '90, and Chris West '90

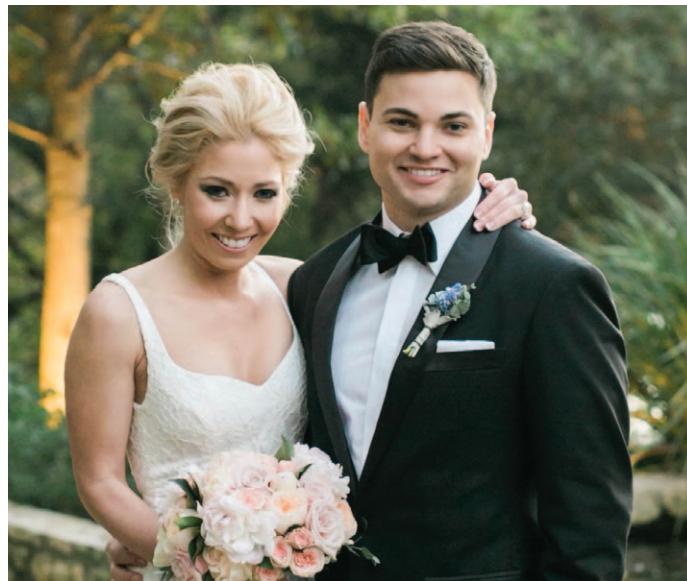
2005 – CHARLIE KOVELL married Rachel Miller on February 28, 2015, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Brighton, Michigan. A reception followed at Brewery Becker (owned by **Matt Becker '90**).



Left to right: Nate Soltis '03, Shane Randell '03, Brian Carroll '03, Patrick Foley '03, Patty Carroll '08, Kevin Russom '03, Brandon Gregory '03, Patrick Eathorne '03, Rachel (Miller) Kovel, Charlie Kovel '03, Daniel Cassar '00, Dan Curmi '03, and Kian O'Donohue '03

In attendance, but not pictured: Paul Stevens '04, Kenneth Joseph Duerr '57, Terrence Bradley '87, and Matt Becker '90

2006 – MICHAEL PARRELLY married Tricia Ward on November 22, 2015, in Austin, Texas. Among his groomsmen were **Nick Salley '06** and **Scott Malinowski '06**. Michael and Tricia currently reside in Fort Worth, Texas.



Left to right: Tricia and Michael Parrelly '06

2009 – JOHN DWYER and his wife, Jordan Mueller, were married on August 29, 2015, at St. John Chapel in Plymouth, Michigan. Former CC President Fr. Jefferson Thompson, C.S.B. celebrated the ceremony. John and Jordan currently live in Plymouth.



Left to right: Former CC teacher and President Fr. Jefferson Thompson, C.S.B., Steven Nemes '07, Christopher Nemes '09, Michael Nemes '05, Peter Nemes '10, Christopher Maly '07, Ryan Dwyer '07, Zachary Menard '07, Jordan Dwyer, John Dwyer '09, Tim Dezelski '09, Patrick Nemes '07, Caleb Ernst '17, Andrew Nemes '13, Kyle Samyn '09, Steve LaRouere '09, and Dan Brown '09

BABY BELLS

1994 – LIAM O'DONOHUE and his wife, Kathryn, welcomed a son, Tadhg Gerald, on May 5, 2016. He weighed 9 lbs., 10 oz. and measured 21.5 inches. He is the nephew of ten proud CC alumni uncles, including his godfather, **Joe Kinville '08**.

1999 – BRIAN HANNAH and his wife, Meredith, welcomed their first child, Ellery Marian, on March 30, 2016. Brian and his family currently reside in Chicago.

2003 – PATRICK COLDREN and his wife, Kate, welcomed their second daughter, McKinley Kate, on March 9, 2016.

2003 – JOE JOHNSON and his wife, Stephanie, welcomed their third child, Kyle Isaiah, on May 24, 2016. Kyle weighed 8 lbs., 8 oz. and measured 20.5 inches. Joe is the son of CC Athletic Administrative Assistant Nancy Johnson.



Tadhg Gerald O'Donohue



Kyle Isaiah Johnson and family



McKinley Kate Coldren

IN MEMORIAM

The following members of the Catholic Central Family have passed from this life to the next. Please remember them in your Masses and other prayers. Our sincere condolences are extended to their loved ones. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.

ALUMNI



JOSEPH D. BOHRER '40 – April 3, 2016. Joseph is survived by his children, Janet, **John '66**, Mary Ann, Matthew, Patricia, and Douglas and eight grandchildren, including **Christopher '12**. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Jane, and his brother, **John '45**. The Funeral Mass was held at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, Plymouth, Mich.



JAMES TEDESCO '41 – February 26, 2016. James is survived by his children, Madeline, **Charles '70**, **James '73**, and **Michael '81**; a brother, Robert; and a sister, Margaret. He was preceded in death by his wife, Josephine.



LLOYD G. TERNES SR. '41 – April 13, 2016. Lloyd is survived by his wife, Therese Ann, his son, **Lloyd Jr. '67**, his daughter, Mary Ann, and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother and sisters, Sr. Edna Ternes OSJ, Clare, George, and Ann Marie and his stepsisters, Marguerite, Joan, Mary Jane, and Patricia. The funeral Mass was held at the Church of the Divine Child, Dearborn, Mich.



DOUGLAS BEHREND '43 – January 2, 2015. Doug is survived by his children, Sue, Doug, John, Mary, Beth, Joe, and Pat, 17 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Adele, two sons, Jimmy and Danny, his parents, and ten siblings. Services were entrusted to Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Walled Lake, Mich.



JAMES "TOM" BUSHEY '45 – April 26, 2016. Tom is survived by his wife, Jean; daughter, Jean Marie; two granddaughters, Jessica and Jenna; one sister, Elizabeth; and many extended family members. He was preceded in death by a sister, Josephine. The Funeral Mass was held at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, Plymouth, Mich.



ED PLOE '47 – February 27, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Ann Marie; four children, Susan, Scott, Sally, and Sandra; one brother, Robert; and two sisters, Mary Lou and Patricia. He was preceded in death by a son, Steven, and a sister, Joan. The Funeral Mass was held at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe, Mich.



FRANCIS LACEY '48 – December 8, 2013. He is survived by his wife, Susan, and four children, John, Michele, Stephen, and Christopher. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Joseph. The Funeral Mass was held at St. James Catholic Church, Bartlesville, Okla.



JOHN P. KINSORA '49 – October 19, 2014. He is survived by his wife, Alice, and four sons, John, Thomas, Daniel, and David.



RALPH LABADIE '49 – March 27, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Patricia; five children, Michael, Therese, Mark, David, and Denise; 11 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two brothers, William and Jack. He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Michelle, a great-granddaughter, and a brother, **Bert '47**. The Funeral Mass was held at St. Paul of Tarsus, Clinton Township, Mich.



PAUL "ED" PAVLISCAK '49 – April 26, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou, two sisters, Martha and Theresa, one brother, Ralph, and many extended family members. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Phillip and David. The Funeral Mass was held at St. Athanasius Catholic Church, Harrison, Mich.



MICHAEL R. SENKO '49 – February 3, 2016. Michael is survived by his wife, Mary Ann; four children, Mary, Michael, James, and Diane; four grandchildren, including **Adam Senko '03**; one great-grandchild; his brother and sister, Raymond and Katherine; and many extended family members, including nephews **Dr. Michael Stachecki '83**, **Dr. James Stachecki '84**, **Robert Armstrong '01**, and **Michael Armstrong '02**. The Funeral Mass was held at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Farmington, Mich. *Previously published without obituary information.



JAMES E. DEMPSEY '50 – February 10, 2016. Jim is survived by his wife, Gail; three sons, James, William, and Robert; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother, Jack, and two sisters, Mary and Patricia. Services were held at the Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, Mich.



ROBERT SINGELYN '51 – April 15, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Mildred; five children, Robert, William, Virginia, Jean, and James; three stepdaughters, Deb, Judy, and Marcia; 20 grandchildren; 10 stepgrandchildren; and two brothers, **Dan '54** and Paul. He was preceded in death by two daughters, Mary and Kathleen, his stepson, John Root, his sister, Marie, and a brother, James. Funeral services were entrusted to Simpson-Modetz Funeral Home, Waterford, Mich.



SAMUEL A. BORRI JR. '55 – April 3, 2016. Sam is survived by his wife, Marilyn; eight children, Cathy, Joe, Marie, John, Jim, Bob, Anne, and Kathy; six grandchildren, and his sister, Barbara. Sam was a longtime CC Dads' Club member. The Funeral Mass was held at CC.



DR. PAUL MCGLYNN '55 – May 6, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Linda; two sons, Sean and Christopher; two stepchildren, Justin and Tiffany; and four grandchildren. Services were entrusted to Palm Beach National Chapel and Funeral Home, Lake Worth, Fla.



RONALD PORDON '57 – February 28, 2016. Ron is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; six children, Ann Marie, Gregory, Rebecca, Patrick, Joseph, and Jane; and four grandchildren. The Funeral Mass was held at the Church of the Transfiguration, Southfield, Mich.



DONALD STACY '58 (NEE STASIKAITIS) – September 22, 2015. Don is survived by his son, Mike, two daughters, Sue and Laura, and four grandchildren. A Memorial Mass was held at St. Dominic Catholic Church, Saginaw, Mich.



JOHN F. LUTZ '59 – April 28, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Sharon; children, April, John Jr., Jennifer, Amy, and Ryan; nine grandchildren, including **Max Bartol '18**; and his brother, **Richard '56**. The Funeral Mass was held at St. Peter Catholic Church, Mt. Clemens, Mich.



AL DiMANNO '60 – April 13, 2016. Al is survived by his sons, **Mario '83**, **Michael '84**, and Derek; his sister, Mary; four grandchildren; and many extended family and friends, including his cousin, **Tony Tedesco '71**. The Funeral Mass was held at CC.



JAMES B. McDONALD III '61 – August 19, 2015. Jim is survived by his wife, Sue; four daughters, Sheila, Lisa, Allison, and Emily; six grandchildren; and many extended family members. The Funeral Mass was held at St. Mary Catholic Church, Port Huron, Mich.



MICHAEL J. CARPENTER '66 – September 27, 2015. Mike is survived by his wife, Martha; his daughters, Pamela and Cheryl; his mother, Elizabeth; and his sisters, Susan and Colleen. He was preceded in death by his brother, Patrick. The Funeral Mass was held at St. William Catholic Church, Walled Lake, Mich.



ROBERT SKELTON '71 – November 2, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Theresa; his children, Tommy, Colleen, and Jimmy; two brothers, Jim and Bill; three sisters, Carol, Mary, Liz and Kelley; and brothers-in-law **Pat '73**, **Tim '75**, and **Bob Coffey '85** and **Steve Lamarre '74**. He was preceded in death by two brothers, John and Daniel.



DANIEL G. SKRATEK '72 – October 18, 2015. Dan is survived by his wife, Jean Marie; his sisters, Carolyn and Sylvia; and his nephews, Chris, Eric, and Matthew. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Helen, and his brother, **William Jr. '62**. A celebration of his life was held at the Historic Chelsea Train Depot, Chelsea, Mich.



MICHAEL PRINCE '76 – May 11, 2016. Mike is survived by his wife, Suzette, his son, Michael, and his mother and stepfather, Bernice and Sam Tarnow. He was preceded in death by his sister, Sue.



SCOTT W. CAMBRA '86 – April 16, 2016. Scott is survived by his mother, Veronica, his brother, Todd, his sister, Gretchen, and his nephew, Lucas. He was preceded in death by his father, Ken. Services were entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Northville, Mich.



KYLE NAGY '11 – July 20, 2016. He is survived by his parents, David and Angelenne, his girlfriend, Ashlee, five aunts and uncles, and five cousins. The Funeral Mass was held at St. Mary Catholic Church, Pinckney, Mich.

EXTENDED FAMILY

CATHERINE M. BARIL – January 26, 2016. Mother of **Thomas Baril '61**.

ANGELO CORATTI – March 28, 2016. Father of **Richard '69**, **Thomas '72**, and **Peter '79**. Grandfather of the late **Bryan Romanelli '96**, **Anthony Coratti '01** and **Peter Pfeffer '04**.

RITA CUTCHER – April 19, 2016. Wife of **Gerry '50**. Mother of **Greg '75**, **Chris '76**, **Doug '79**, and **Paul '85**. Mother-in-law of **Sean Cox '75**. Grandmother of **John '06**, **Brendan '09**, and **Patrick Cox '16**. Sister-in-law of **John '47** and **Dan Hess '57**.

THOMAS C. ESPER – May 8, 2016. Father of **Gregory '01** and **Matthew '02**.

RHONDA FRANCHI – July 20, 2015. Mother of **John '05**.

KATHLEEN GAGE – June 2, 2016. Wife of **Edward "Tony" '63**.

KEVIN P. GAGE – May 21, 2016. Father of **Ryan '08** and **Joshua '11**.

JIMMIE S. HISSONG – April 30, 2016. Father of **Dave '87**.

ELLEN J. LAURENTIUS – December 15, 2015. Mother of **Tyler '16**.

JAMES R. MALZONE – May 14, 2016. Grandfather of **Nicholas '13**.

PERRY E. McCARTHY – April 7, 2016. Father of **Dan '75**, **David '76**, and **John '78**.

JANET T. MOORE – May 13, 2016. Mother of **Michael '86**.

RICHARD G. MOORE – May 23, 2016. Grandfather of **Ryan '07** and **Dan Brown '09** and **Nickolas Zubok '03**.

BARBARA NOLAN – June 15, 2016. Sister of **Ray Billinghamurst '55**. Sister-in-law of **James Nolan '53**.

MARGARET ROSSITER – February 29, 2016. Mother of **Joseph '68** and **Paul '70**.

RALPH STESLICKI – December 14, 2015. Father of **Mark '71**.

MARY ANN TEGLER – July 20, 2014. Wife of **Francis '48**.

LAURA L. TIJAN – April 8, 2016. Wife of **Robert Martin '84**.

ADELE H. ZUREK – March 10, 2016. Mother of **Thomas '72**. Sister of the late **William A. Simpson '50**.



Class of 2016 Commencement

Catholic Central's 2016 Commencement Ceremony was held on Sunday, May 22, 2016, at Hill Auditorium on the University of Michigan campus in Ann Arbor. **Fr. Richard Elmer, C.S.B. '46**, President Emeritus of Catholic Central, delivered the address to the graduates.

Ean Maloney '16 was recognized as the Fr. Daniel Dillon Award winner as academic Valedictorian. **Sebastian Miner '16** was honored as the academic Salutatorian. **Philip Schmitz '16** was recognized as the recipient of the Fr. James Whelan Award.

Matthew Higgins '16 was honored as the first-ever recipient of the Fr. Richard Ranalletti Award for outstanding Christian service.

Ian MacKinnon '16 gave the Salutatory Address, and **Mitch Van Acker '16** gave the Valedictory Address. The Dedicatory Presentation was given by **Dante Toppi '16**. Our best wishes and congratulations to the newest members of the Alumni Association!



Dillon Award

Ean Maloney '16 Wins the Rev. Daniel L. Dillon Award

Ean Maloney, from Canton, earned the title of Class Valedictorian for 2016 and at graduation was presented with Catholic Central's highest academic honor, the Rev. Daniel L. Dillon Award.

The Dillon Award, named in honor of Catholic Central's first principal, Rev. Daniel L. Dillon, C.S.B., has been given annually, since it was instituted in 1970, to the senior with the highest cumulative grade point average over four years.

Ean graduated with a 5.006 G.P.A. and is currently enrolled at the University of Notre Dame, where he is pursuing a double major in mathematics and political science.



Ean Maloney '16 with Fr. Dennis Noelke, C.S.B. '71

FR. RICHARD RANALLETTI AWARD

Matthew Higgins '16 Selected as First-Ever Recipient of the Rev. Richard A. Ranalletti Award

Matthew Higgins '16, from Novi, was selected as the first-ever recipient of the Rev. Richard A. Ranalletti Award for outstanding Christian Character.



The Ranalletti Award, named in honor of Catholic Central's eighteenth principal and second president, the late Rev. Richard A. Ranalletti, C.S.B.,

was established in 2016 by CC Principal Fr. Dennis Noelke, C.S.B. '71 and will be given annually to the senior who has demonstrated Christian character and values during his years as a student at Catholic Central as nominated by his peers.

The criteria for this award include:

- embraces and fosters Christian values
- respectful and patient in his interactions with others
- demonstrates self-discipline in words and actions
- shows a willingness to be of service within the school community and the greater metropolitan Detroit area, beyond the school requirement
- evidences compassion to others
- makes responsible decisions
- is an example of Christian behavior and action to his peers

During his time at Catholic Central, Matthew was a member of the band and founded Shamrock Lead and the Fr. Donohr Freshmen Mentor Program. He is currently attending Grand Valley State University.



Matthew Higgins '16 with Fr. Dennis Noelke, C.S.B. '71

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CC Welcomes Six New Faculty Members

NICK AIELLO '06
Social Studies

Education: Madonna University, Bachelor of Arts in Social Studies & English; Madonna University, Masters Degree in Educational Leadership (Spring 2017)

Past experience: Nick taught U.S. History at Brighton High School for a year after student teaching there. This past year, he taught Middle School English Language Arts at Our Lady of Victory in Northville.

From Nick: "I couldn't be happier than to be granted the opportunity to come back and work at CC this year. Being able to work at such a special school and with such a great staff is really exciting. I look forward to instilling the same traditions and values in the men in my classroom as were given to me when I was a student."



Nick, his wife Allison, and their future Shamrocks: Dominic (11), Vincent (4), and Santino (1)



REV. PATRICK FULTON, C.S.B.
Theology

Education: Fr. Fulton graduated from Immaculata High School, administered by the Basilian Fathers, in Kelowna, British Columbia. Fr. Fulton then went to the University of Saskatchewan, where

he graduated summa cum laude with a double major in Philosophy and Religious Studies (specializing in Far Eastern Religions). At St. Thomas More College, administered by the Basilian Fathers and the Catholic College at University of Saskatchewan, he continued his relationship with the Basilians and decided to join their formation program. Fr. Fulton was sent down to teach in Andrean High School in Merrillville (Gary), Indiana, for two years. From there he went to the Basilian Novitiate in Sugar Land, Texas. After taking First Vows he was sent to the University of St. Michael's College to obtain his Master of Divinity degree.

Past experience: Fr. Fulton has served as an Assistant Pastor at Canadian Martyrs Parish in Calgary, Alberta, and was Director of Residence at St. Joseph's College at the University of Alberta. He taught Theology, moderated several student clubs, and coached swimming at St. Michael's College School in Toronto. Beginning in 2010, Fr. Fulton served as Principal at St. Thomas High School in Houston.

From Fr. Fulton: "Basilian schools have often been likened to the revered experience of Texas A&M: if you're looking from the outside you don't get it. If you're on the inside nothing else makes sense. Having heard so many positive things from confreres and seen so much as a previous external School Board member, I am excited about being a part of this powerful and joyous community."



MATTHEW GREENE '12
Associate Director of Admissions & Public Relations

Education: University of Notre Dame, Bachelor of Arts

Past experience: Matt worked in a number of capacities at Notre Dame, including as a Notre Dame Vision Small Group Mentor, Summer Hall Manager, Eck Visitor's Center Tour Guide, and Irish Studies Institute Desk Worker.

From Matt: "I am very much looking forward to coming back and serving my alma mater. I expect to continue the relationships that I fostered when I was a student here as well as to bring to incoming and current families and students the welcoming nature of CC that I experienced when I started the job."



ZACHARY WIGGINS '10
Mathematics & Social Studies

Education: Madonna University, Bachelor of Arts in Math and Social Studies

Past experience: Zack taught at Our Lady of Victory in Northville last year. He has been a member of the CC Football coaching staff for seven years.

From Zack: "I am looking forward to working with teachers that taught me when I was a student. I also look forward to being able to provide the same learning experiences to the current students that I was given during my time at Catholic Central."

In addition, **Chuck Sorentino '73** will be serving as a Guidance Counselor, **Brian Bedard '96** will be returning to teach Mathematics, and Marie Heshczuk will serve CC as a payroll and benefits specialist.

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PERMANENT GABRIEL RICHARD CLUB

The following members of the Class of 2016 earned Permanent Gabriel Richard Club status for their four years at CC. This distinction means that the students maintained Gabriel Richard Club status for each of the eight semesters they spent at CC. Gabriel Richard status is achieved by holding a grade point average of 3.6 or better with no mark below a “B.”

Albert J. Asta '16	Avery P. Felty '16	Nicholas A. Macari '16	Nicholas J. Ozog '16
Ethan M. Bezzina '16	Patrick J. Fleming '16	Ean J. Maloney '16	Donald S. Popke '16
Joshua B. Blossfeld '16	Brian W. Galvin '16	Paul S. McCubbrey '16	Conner R. Reynolds '16
Andrew L. Campbell '16	Arturo Gonzalez-Galindo '16	Alexander W. McLaren '16	Evan M. Riley '16
Joshua J. Cantie '16	Mitchell D. Hubbard '16	Emil M. Meireles '16	Philip J. Schmitz '16
David J. Connolly '16	Alessandro M. Iaquinto '16	Sebastian T. Miner '16	Jacob P. Swaneck '16
Andrew K. D'Souza '16	Thomas C. Knight '16	Griffin M. Modjeski '16	Dante J. Toppi '16
John M. Dorigo Jones '16	Alexander J. LaForest '16	Richard S. Moran Jr. '16	Matt N. Turton '16
Peter G. Ebaugh '16	Steven P. Lanasky '16	Connor P. Nally '16	Francis C. Wells '16

*The 25th Annual
Family Fest*

It's Family Fest time again! For the 25th consecutive year, the Family Fest will be presented by the Mothers' Club, the Dads' Club, and the Alumni Association on Sunday, September 11, 2016. Keeping the tradition, we will begin with Mass at Noon in the Chapel, followed by food tasting at 1:00 pm in the cafeteria.

Over 25 quality restaurants will serve their specialties ranging from appetizers to desserts. Many restaurants will offer a sampling of their main menu items.

The price of admission is the same as it has been for the last several years: \$15 for adults, \$5 for students aged 13 to 18 years, and children age 12 and under are free. ***Tickets should be purchased before the event.*** Simply mail in your check marked “Family Fest” to the school, and your tickets will be waiting at the Will Call table the day of the event. If you are unable to purchase tickets beforehand, a limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

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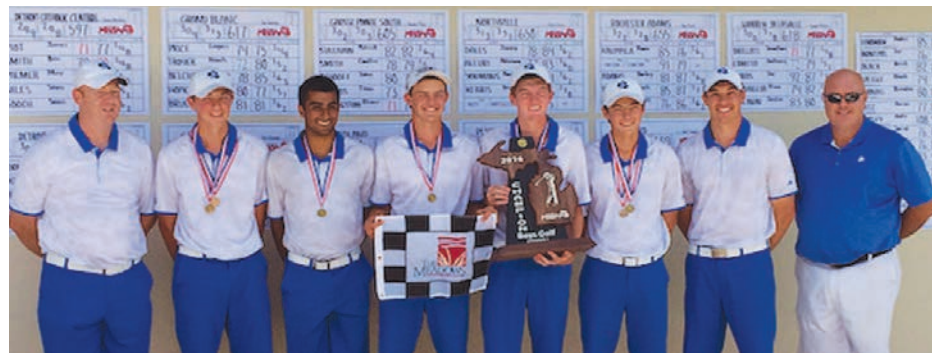
The Varsity Baseball Team, led by head coach **Dan Michaels '84**, finished the season with an overall record of 25-15. The Shamrocks won the District Championship by defeating South Lyon, Livonia Churchill, and Northville. The season came to an end in the Regional Final with a loss to Hartland. Both the Freshman and JV teams won their respective division championships.



District Champions – 2016 Varsity Baseball Team

Golf – STATE CHAMPIONS

The Varsity Golf Team, led by Coach Mike Anderson, had one of the best seasons in school history. The Shamrocks dominated the schedule by winning 12 tournaments, including the Oakland County Championship. The team also won both the District and Regional Championships before winning their second-consecutive State Championship (and fourth overall for the program) at the Meadows at Grand Valley State University by eight strokes over second-place Grosse Pointe South.



Division 1 State Champions – 2016 Varsity Golf Team

Lacrosse – STATE FINALISTS

The Varsity Lacrosse Team, led by head coach **Dave Wilson '88**, finished another successful season with an overall record of 17-4. The Shamrocks finished second in the Catholic League and won the Regional Championship before losing a close game to Brother Rice (10-8) in the State Finals.



2016 Varsity Lacrosse Team

Track & Field

The Track & Field Team, led by Coach Tony Magni, finished 3rd in the Catholic League. **Alex McLaren '16** was the recipient of the Joe Pascuzzi Track & Field Scholar Athlete of the Year Award.



2016 Varsity Track & Field Team

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Andrew Caris '16

Alex Jarzembowski '16

Rocco Mularoni '16

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

Supporting our Young Athletes



Varsity Tennis

Sat/Aug 20	Grand Blanc Tournament	Grand Blanc HS	8:00am
Thur/Aug 25	Green and Gold Invitational	Howell HS	8:00am
Sat/Aug 27	Clarkston Invitational	Clarkston HS	8:00am
Wed/Aug 31	Walled Lake Northern Invite	Away	8:00am
Thur/Sept 1	U of D Jesuit	Away	4:00pm
Thur/Sept 8	Cranbrook	Away	4:00pm
Sat/Sept 10	Saline Quad	Saline HS	8:00am
Wed/Sept 14	Greenhills	Away	4:30pm
Thur/Sept 15	DeLaSalle	HOME	4:00pm
Sat/Sept 17	Holly Invitational	Holly HS	8:00am
Mon/Sept 19	Brother Rice	HOME	4:00pm
Thur/Sept 22	Troy	HOME	4:00pm
Sat/Sept 24	Holly Invitational	Away	8:00am
Thur/Sept 29	Grosse Pointe South	HOME	4:00pm
Sat/Oct 1	CHSL Championship		
Oct 6-8	State Regionals	Novi HS	
Oct 14-15	State Finals	Midland	

Cross Country

Sat/Aug 27	Lansing Catholic Central Invitational/Lansing CC	TBA
Tues/Aug 30	Mustang Invitational/Cass Benton	TBA
Fri/Sept 2	Time Trial/Kensington Metro Park	2:00pm
Sat/Sept 10	Averhill Invitational/Kensington Metro Park	10:30am
Sat/Sept 17	Holly HS Invitational/Springfield Oaks	TBA
Mon/Sept 19	DeLaSalle/Cass Benton	4:15pm
Sat/Sept 24	Catholic Central Invitational/Cass Benton	10:30am
Mon/Sept 26	O.L. St. Mary's/TBD	4:15pm
Sat/Oct 1	DeWitt Invitational/DeWitt HS	TBA
Mon/Oct 3	Brother Rice/Kensington Metro Park	4:15pm
Sat/Oct 8	Oakland County Championship/ Kensington Metro Park	10:00am
Mon/Oct 10	U of D Jesuit/TBD	4:15pm
Sat/Oct 15	Sturgis HS Invitational/Sturgis HS	9:00am
Sat/Oct 22	CHSL Championship/Kensington Metro Park	10:00am
Sat/Oct 29	State Regional Championship/Willow Metro Park	TBA
Wed/Nov 2	The "Post A PR" Cross Country Race/ Huron Meadows Metro Park	TBA
Sat/Nov 5	State Championship/MIS, Brooklyn (Irish Hills)	TBA

Varsity Football

Sat/Aug 27	Sterling Heights Stevenson	U of M Stadium	1:00pm
Fri/Sept 2	Toledo Whitmer	Away	7:00pm
Fri/Sept 9	St. Michael's College, Toronto	Away	7:00pm
Fri/Sept 16	Cleveland St. Ignatius	HOME	7:00pm
Sat/Sept 24	Brother Rice	Away	1:00pm
Fri/Sept 30	Pauline Johnson Collegiate (ON)	HOME	7:00pm
Fri/Oct 7	O.L. St. Mary's	Away	7:00pm
Sun/Oct 16	DeLaSalle - Boys' Bowl	HOME	1:00pm
Sat/Oct 22	CHSL Prep Bowl	Ford Field	TBA

Varsity Soccer

Sat/Aug 20	Balconi Invite	Away	10:00am
Mon/Aug 22	Divine Child	Away	7:30pm
Thurs/Aug 25	Dearborn	HOME	7:30pm
Sat/Aug 27	Canton	Away	7:00pm
Mon/Aug 29	Garden City (Scrimmage)	Away	7:00pm
Wed/Aug 31	Okemos	HOME	7:30pm
Thurs/Sept 8	Clarkston	HOME	7:30pm
Sat/Sept 10	Bedford	HOME	12:30pm
Tues/Sept 13	Saline	Away	7:00pm
Thurs/Sept 15	Utica Eisenhower	HOME	7:30pm
Tues/Sept 20	U of D Jesuit	HOME	7:30pm
Thurs/Sept 22	DeLaSalle	Away	5:30pm
Sat/Sept 24	East Lansing	Away	12:00pm
Tues/Sept 27	Brother Rice	HOME	7:30pm
Thurs/Sept 29	U of D Jesuit	Away	7:00pm
Sat/Oct 1	Fraser	Away	12:00pm
Tues/Oct 4	DeLaSalle	HOME	7:30pm
Thurs/Oct 6	Brother Rice	Away	5:30pm
Wed/Oct 12	CHSL Final	TBD	
Oct 17-22	Districts		
Oct 25-29	Regionals		
Wed/Nov 2	State Semifinal		
Sat/Nov 5	State Finals		

Note: Home games are shown in bold.
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10TH ANNUAL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTION**

1:00 PM 72ND ANNUAL BOYS' BOWL FOOTBALL GAME CC VS. DeLaSALLE

