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## YOUNG ALUMNI: Living the ND Spirit of Service





# Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to share with you the latest edition of *Impact*, a publication meant to inform and update alumni, parents, friends, and others in the community about the activities and initiatives taking place at Notre Dame Catholic High School.

Inside, you will “meet” a group of impressive young alumni, whose commitment to service took shape at Notre Dame and continues to inspire. You will reminisce with Mr. Carl Philipp, our assistant principal, as he looks back on a 49-year (and counting!) history with the school. And you will make acquaintance with two of our newest teachers—a former Radio City Rockette now teaching a dance elective in our Fine Arts Department, and a young alumnus now teaching aerospace engineering to juniors and seniors as one of our expanded science offerings.

We continue to make great strides in implementing the strategic plan developed in concert with alumni and launched four years ago. Not only have facility upgrades and curriculum enhancements taken place, but a specific focus on the values and characteristics that make us a Catholic high school has reminded many in the region of what a valuable asset we are.

The response to all this effort has been heartening: we are in our fourth year of enrollment growth, with each freshman class larger than the previous one. For this reason, we will be reintroducing freshman football, basketball, and baseball next year, and adding some impressive young talent to our other athletic teams.

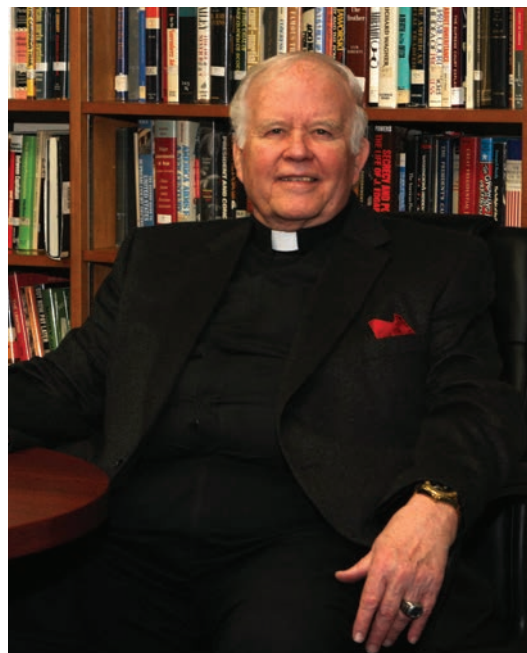
What pleases me most, however, is a new program—Lancers Investing for Tomorrow—through which alumni, parents, and friends of Notre Dame can give deserving young men and women the superb, life-changing benefit of a Notre Dame education. This charitable endeavor, known by the acronym LIFT, allows donors to sponsor a specific student for four years, paying partial or full tuition and/or serving as a one-on-one mentor. The specifics are outlined in an article on page 24, which I bring to your attention with great enthusiasm.

For all that you do for Notre Dame, for your loyalty, encouragement, and support, I thank you.

Sincerely,

*Fr. Bill Sangiovanni*

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#### **ON THE COVER**

Erin O'Connor '05 in Haiti; Jim  
Piazza '08 in Haiti; Erica Macero  
'10 in Haiti; Jaclynn Campos '10  
in Jamaica.

## Class of 1973 (40 years)

The high school memories of ND's Class of 1973 took shape in two different locations under separate but related identities—ND boys' school on Jefferson St. in Fairfield and ND girls' school on Jewett Ave. in Bridgeport. It would not be until senior year that the school re-merged and became fully co-ed. Now, forty years later, the 2013 class reunion reflected that fact as a joint celebration, spearheaded by Barbara Susi '73 and a committee of 15 classmates.

The event took place at Vazzy's 19th Hole on September 14. To encourage attendance (by keeping the cost low) and mingling (by not having a sit-down dinner), the committee opted for oodles and oodles of hors d'oeuvres served both roving and buffet-style. "We were delighted that nearly 100 classmates came, representing both the boys and the girls school," says Barb. "We had a blast, and everyone decided that from now on, we'll do our reunions together." To that end, the Reunion Committee has already had its first post-Reunion reunion—an informal gathering a few weeks later to celebrate their success.



### 1. Class of 1973 Reunion Committee

In front on 1st two steps (l to r): Regina DeSimone, Teresa (Pelligra) VanDam, Barb Susi (chair), Marion (Phelan) Becker, Cheryl (Farina) Renfer, Marlene Macaуда, Sharon (Csordas) Buzi (chair), Paula (Pagliuco) Wojna. Back row: Gary Rogo (chair), Sharon (Ruggiero) Moretti, Vito Savo, Paula Hornyak, Carolyn (Tuozzoli) DeFilippo, Tom Intelisano (chair), Dan Laufer. Missing from photo: Sheri (Schmidlin) Turechek, Nancy (DeDonato) Jones.

### 2. Class of 1973 Reunion

Tom Intelisano, Marion (Phelan) Becker and Paula (Pagliuco) Wojna.

### 3. Class of 1978 Reunion

Participants included (l-r): Ann (Grudzinski) Moran, Tom Monks, Linda (McGuire) Shea, Terry (Finnegan) Garrett, Suzanne Testani, Kelly Carrigan, Vilma (Rotini) Boyd, and Cathy (Covino) Dombrowski.

### 4. Class of 1978 Reunion

Participants included (l-r): Tony Coppola, Al Byrne, Brian Bardinelli, Jonas Meyer, Pat Callahan, Dennis Rayho, and Tom Monks.

### 5. Class of 1978 Reunion Memory Tree/Tree of Life

### 6. Class of 1978 Reunion

"Class prez." On left is Emilio Sotil, class of 1978 class president, with Gary Palmer.

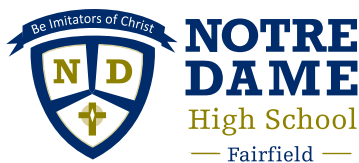


## Class of 1978 (35 years)

Nearly 75 members of the Class of 1978 and their spouses attended their 35th ND reunion in October at the Stone Barn in Monroe. Classmate Bill Richard served as the evening's deejay, and the group was having such a great time that the Stone Barn let them stay an hour longer—until midnight.

The event, dedicated to the memory of deceased classmates, was planned by class president Emilio Sotil, Dawn (Riccio) Wisniewski, and Linda (McGuire) Shea. "Dawn created a beautiful memory tree/tree of life [see photo] in their honor," said Linda Shea, "as well as photo boards of the good old days that everyone enjoyed looking at throughout the evening."





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# reunions

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Class of 1994 20th Reunion

June 28, 2014  
Riverview Bistro, Stratford

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### Class of 1984 30th Reunion

September 6, 2014  
Brownson Country Club, Shelton

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### Class of 1979 35th Reunion

October 25, 2014  
at Tashua Knolls, Trumbull

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### Class of 1974 40th Reunion

August 30, 2014  
Mill River Country Club, Stratford

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### Class of 1969 45th Reunion (Notre Dame Girls)

September 27, 2014  
Vazzy's at the Fairchild Wheeler  
Golf Course, Fairfield

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### Class of 1964 50th Reunion

June 20-22, 2014  
Vazzy's, Stratford

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### Class of 1961 53rd Reunion

September 2014  
Luncheon at Ralph 'n' Rich's,  
Bridgeport

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## Even Weddings Can Become Reunions!

TWENTY-SIX ND ALUMNI REPRESENTING FOUR decades attended the wedding of Jaclyn Calovine '05 (daughter of Bill '76 and his wife, Iris) to Brian Quinlan in October 2013.



PICTURED HERE ARE: Ann (Roche) Andrukevich '83, Gil Rossomando '76, Marisol (Gonzalez) Fromme '83, Richard Corrado '76, Ronald Morales '77, Danielle (Medina) Dragone '85, Donna (Procacini) Morales '77, Greg Gramesty '77, Nicole Langer '05, Bill Calovine '76 (the bride's dad), Jenna Camputaro '08, David Hotchkiss '08, Ryan Hardy '04, Allisyn Calovine '08, Nicole Franco '05, Joe Schoonbeek '05, Brian Estrada '05, Brittney Kish '05, Jaclyn, the bride, Fr. Peter Cipriani (ND chaplain), Ms. Sherrie Zembrzuski (ND faculty), Meghan McCloat '08, Kristyn (Calovine) Fay '02, Lisa (Gonzalez) DePino '91, Danyel (Amaro) Fay '95, Eric Fay '02, Sly Accettulo '08, and Anthony Ferro '95.