

InTouch

We bid farewell to Father Calvo

On Friday, February 3, the children, faculty and staff gathered to give a fond farewell to bishop elect Father Calvo. Father Calvo received this appointment from Rome last December. The children sang a song, especially written by Mrs. Virginia Ploeser, and presented Father with a few gifts.

Father Calvo looked back at his time here as pastor and reminded all that the Class of 2006 was just in Kindergarten when he arrived. He pointed out that he baptized many of our current 3rd graders in his first year as pastor.

To help Father preserve these special memories, he was presented with a framed photograph of the entire student body, faculty and staff. "It is fitting," Mrs. Anthony offered "that the background of the photo includes the Arcade, the area just outside of the original church before the current church was built in the 1950's. In this way Father Calvo can be reminded of both the school and the church.

We were pleased to be able to present Father with a gift certificate to purchase some of his bishop vestments; the choir cassock and mozzetta. These are the garments worn on days other than penitential or church functions. Father graciously accepted these gifts and promised to "remember the school every time he wears them".

The school was able to purchase these vestments through a one day event, where all the children brought in dimes. The dimes were lined up on the floor in the large hall by grade, and the class with the most dimes, 2nd grade, won the bragging rights by just 70¢. All the dimes brought in that day totaled 197 yards—a lot of dimes!



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Catholic Schools Week; a National Celebration



Catholic Schools Week is full of excitement. It is the week where the school opens its doors and welcomes everyone who is interested in learning more about Catholic Education for their children, and about Mount Carmel School. It also a time for children to show off to their parents, grandparents, friends and siblings their classrooms, their work, and all they are learning.

We are fortunate to have such a wonderful community of parents, alumni and parishioners who feel blessed by the ability and opportunity to provide their children with a Catholic Education here at Mount Carmel School. Our school parents willingness and enthusiasm to give their time and share their school experience with prospective parents is invaluable.

We celebrate the community that is Mount Carmel School in our hearts all year long and especially during Catholic Schools Week.

Open House—Our Time to Shine



Exploring the Science Center



Mrs. Rita Fassett and the Children's Choir



Prospective parents tour the Science Center



4th grader Emily Wohrer presents her Oregon Trail project

From the Principal

Dear Friends;

The Gospel reading on Sunday, January 15th told us that when Andrew and a friend became curious about Jesus and went out to discover more, they immediately recognized Him as someone with Divine Wisdom, someone from whom they could truly learn. According to St. John, they called him, “Rabbi”, which means “teacher”, and began to follow him from that moment, recruiting others as well.

It is fitting that we are reminded of Jesus as the Great Teacher, as we observe Catholic Schools Week, 2006. As this year’s theme of character, Compassion and Values reminds us, Catholic elementary schools do more than teach academics. “One of the primary purposes of a Catholic school is to share our faith in Jesus Christ with our children so that they grow in their love and knowledge of God and be people of character, compassion, and values” spoke Father Calvo during the Open House mass.

Catholic Schools teach religion by living out the Gospel. It’s in the compassion we see in our students when they help one another or reach out to assist our less fortunate brothers and sisters. It’s the life-long values that our alumni continue to embody long after they leave our classrooms. It is personified in the article found on page 4 of this newsletter—a wonderful example of how Catholic education instills character, compassion and values. I marvel at the reality of Catholic Education on a daily basis. I see it in the dedication and integrity of the faculty, staff, parents and students as together they continue the proud legacy of Mount Carmel School in the community.

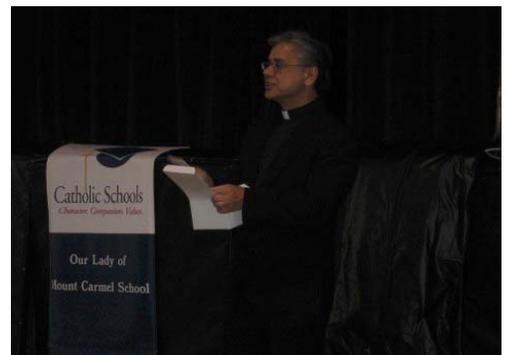
Teresa Anthony
Principal

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Father shared the symbolism of a few of the Bishop vestments; the Mitre, Ring, and Zuchetto, and provided an opportunity for the children to ask questions.



One student asked, if you could pick any where to be Bishop, where would you want to go.” Father Calvo answered, “Anywhere I am sent.” We will miss him!



Character, Compassion and Values

Recently, 3rd generation Kindergartner*, Madeline Schorr, along with her Mother Katie Schorr —'89 and Uncle Tim Schorr traveled to Zambia in Southern Africa for ten days to visit her mother's best friend, Godmother and Mount Carmel graduate—Nikki Cocco—'89.



The Schorr's and Nikki with the Mancuni Family

Nikki is working with the Peace Corps in the Eastern Province of Zambia, teaching AIDS awareness to the villagers there, and lives with one of the village families. While there, Katie Schorr interviewed Nikki for In Touch. "Zambia is so different from America. Americans have so much and we move so fast. Zambians have so little, yet are content with the relationships they've built with family and friends", shared Nikki.

When asked why she chose the Peace Corps, Nikki responded, "I joined the Peace Corps because I've always wanted to give back, helping others less fortunate has always appealed to me. It's so important to make time in your life to give back to your community and it builds **character**. The Peace Corps provides an opportunity to give back on such a large scale; giving of yourself on so many different levels, there is no other feeling like helping others".

"Attending Catholic school, along with my Catholic upbringing at home has influenced me tremendously. I'll always remember my Dad's farewell words "Nikki, if you find yourself scared or confused, look to God and pray. You'll find your way, he'll take care of you".

"Going to see Nikki in Zambia was an amazing experience"; said Katie, "to see her in a foreign country so perfectly acclimated was very cool to see. I'm thrilled my daughter could experience it all; cultural differences are important to learn and Zambians were a great start for Madalene." "I liked seeing the animals, the villagers houses and stuff." said Madalene. " I liked having my mom and uncle with me. I liked seeing Auntie Nikki and wish I could go see her again. Maybe tomorrow".

We thank the Schorr family for sharing their trip with us, and Nikki Cocco for being willing to share her experiences and thoughts.

*Madelene's grandmother Mary (Sullivan) Schorr, also graduated from Mount Carmel in 1962.



Madalene and Nikki with traditionally dressed entertainers

Jacqueline Miller, Class of '62

Has been living and working in Virginia for over 40 years, mostly with United Airlines. Jacqueline was part of the fundraising team for the very impressive WWII Memorial in Washington DC, and is now working on a project for the National American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial. She would greatly enjoy hearing from her classmates!

Elizabeth Gordon, Class of '39

Now lives in Georgia to be close to her grandchildren, but so fondly remembers her time at Mount Carmel, and wonders who remembers what A.M.D.G. stands for? Be the first to contact the Development Office by emailing to development@mountcarmel.org with your answer for a Starbucks Card.

October In Touch Contest Winners

Technology is a wonderful thing—email, telephone, and mail all converge to get us to a three-way tie for last issues contest. The author of the Mount Carmel School Song is Father Cornelius Kennedy. The winners are

Angela Lovelace, '33

Elizabeth Gordon '39

Eileen Cassidy '64

We really enjoy hearing from our alums — do you have a story you would like to share about what you are doing now?

You are welcome to use this newsletter to reach out to classmates, or call the Development Office at 650-366-8817; we'll help you connect.

Thinking about a class reunion?

We would be happy to share our Mount Carmel Facilities with you free of charge, and subject to availability during the weekends for your reunion. The Small Hall, courtyard, Cavanaugh Hall and the kitchen can be used for brunch, lunch or an evening event. There are tables and chairs for your use and your only responsibility is a caterer, set-up and takedown. You will be given guidelines for use of the facilities and a set of keys to help make the event go smoother.

We will also help you track classmates and help you plan the event, including a school tour, and search the archives for photos.



Mount Carmel School Class of 1916

The event is for you and your classmates to arrange, and we will work with you to make the process as easy and enjoyable as possible. Please contact the Development office at 650-366-8817 or email development@mountcarmel.org

Giving

Have an old car you'd like to get rid of?

Or how about a motorcycle or other used unwanted vehicle?

You can donate that used vehicle, running or not, and have the school receive the proceeds. You still get the maximum tax benefit allowed by law. They will pick up the vehicle, and handle all the paperwork.

Please contact Donation Liaison at 408-733-1000, or visit their website at www.donationliaison.org



In Honor of . . . In Memory of . . .

Making a gift to Mount Carmel School in someone's name is a thoughtful way to celebrate an anniversary or birth, to honor a loved one, or to commemorate an important person or event. We will notify the appropriate person by mail that a gift has been made in his or her name or in memory of someone special. Only the receipt mailed to you will mention the amount of your gift.

Your tax deductible gift will ensure the continuity of a tradition of excellence in Catholic education at Mount Carmel School.

Combine eScrip and Paper Scrip for the greatest benefit

Be sure to register your debit and credit cards with eScrip so that your everyday purchases will benefit Mount Carmel school. Then, supplement eScrip purchases with paper scrip purchased through the school. Paper scrip is a double win to the school and families because the rebate percentage is higher. The school earns more and you can more easily reach your scrip commitment.



Use Scrip as you plan your summer travel



As you begin to plan for your family's summer vacations and travel, check out the hotels, cruise lines, and airlines for which you can purchase paper scrip. These are big ticket items that offer rebates as large as 14%. Remember they are special order, so plan ahead!

American Airlines	14%
Marriott Hotels	12%
Ritz Carlton Hotel	12%
Best Western	12%
BedandBreakfast.com	10%
Carnival Cruise Line	8%

Past Presidents Dinner

Crab Cioppino



San Francisco Style

Saturday February 4, our 3rd Grade parents hosted the annual Past Presidents Dinner. This years event, co-chaired by Jackie Avila, Wendy Bagot, Beth Keelan and Rhina Slover; was our biggest event ever with over 200 people attending to honor all our past Presidents from Parents Club, School Board, and Sports Board. The past presidents who attended represented a period of over 45 years.

Georgette Rehfeld, Parents Club President from 1958—1959 was our “oldest” Past President to attend traveling from Santa Rosa. Also present for the evening were Past Parents Club Presidents (alumni are indicated with their graduating year in parenthesis); **96-98; Vonnie Bassett, 72-73; Barbara Britschgi ('50), 04-06; Lynn Felise ('78), 98-99; Kathleen Britshcgi, 62-63; Pat Ferrando; 00-03-Linda Lydon, 2000-2003; Sara Oritz, 94-95, 84-85; Sheila Cole, 80-81; Anne Chapman, 74-76; Peggy Clifford, 81-82 and 88-89; Pidge Deeken, 71-72; Lillian DeiRossi, 73-74; Jeannie Gallagher ('53), 85-86; Mimi Kain, 87-88; Miram Lacues, 62-63; Emelia Nava, 87-88 Al Stanley, 82-83; 82-83; Bill Schorr and 89-90; Jim Shea ('68).**

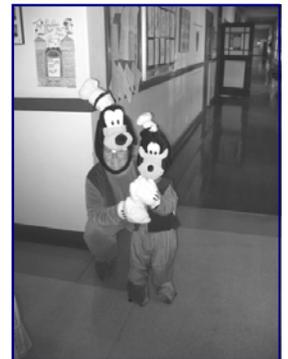
School Board Presidents, 70-71; **Dolores Centis, current; Dan Lewin, 00-01; Mary McLinden, 94-95; Bob Ortaldo, and 93-94; Patty Zatkan.**

Entertainment was provided by our stellar School Jazz Band led by Mr. Holland and included, Alex Tabing, Dylan Hruska, Danny Kocjan, Danny Lewin and Maddy Tabing. They were followed by our own 4th grade Dad's Band which included Mark Fassett, John Avila, Mike Claire, Sean Kennedy, and parishoner Sherry Perkins.

This was great party to honor so many who have given so much of their time and talents; a great way to conclude our week long celebration of Catholic Schools. We missed those of you unable to attend and hope to see you next year.



Year in pictures



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Event Calendar

**Mark your calendars for
these upcoming events**

Bucca di Beppo Day
February 23

Grandparents Day
March 14

Spring Festival
April 28, 29 and 30

*May Crowning and St. Julie Day
Celebration*
May 17

Family Night Thank you
May 25

*Class of 2006 Graduation Mass
and Ceremony*
June 2

End of year Swim Party
June 6

Chevy's Day
June 8

Last Day of School
June 9

In Memoriam

We have been notified by friends and family of the passing of the following friends

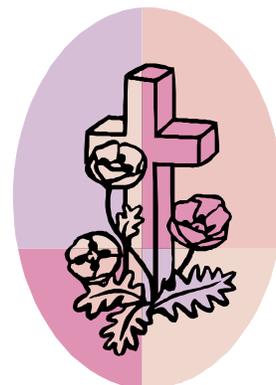
Richard Drivon Jr., Class of 1947



Benjamin Uroff, Class of 1946



Delores Dematteis Mackey class of 1956



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For your convenience, a memorial envelope is enclosed, and is also available from the Development Office or at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.

**NEWSLETTER FOR THE ALUMNI, FAMILIES
AND FRIENDS OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT
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no longer maintains a permanent address at
home, Please notify the Development Office of
their new address.*

Please keep “In Touch”

It is always great to hear from old friends and classmates. So, please take time to fill in a little information about yourself. You may also send updates; address changes, marriages, births, etc. We are also pleased to add parents and grandparents to our mailing list, so that they can also keep In Touch. We do post an electronic version of this newsletter on the alumni pages of the website—please pass along!

Name: _____ Class of: _____

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