



Mount Carmel High School Alumni Newsletter

Summer 2010

MEN OF CARMEL RESPOND TO NEED OF THE CARMELITES DURING DEVASTATING WINTER STORMS

Mount Carmel Alumni
Class Donations for
Our Lady
of
Mount Carmel Priory

<u>1940</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1956</u>
\$100	\$345	\$4020
<u>1941</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1957</u>
\$350	\$2075	\$3720
<u>1942</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1958</u>
\$1627	\$1620	\$1520
<u>1943</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1959</u>
\$2155	\$745	\$1115
<u>1944</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1960</u>
\$1450	\$720	\$2430
<u>1945</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1961</u>
\$400	\$320	\$1320
<u>1946</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1962</u>
\$185	\$545	\$413
<u>1947</u>	<u>1955</u>	
\$1,110	\$350	



The Priory of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Encino, built in 1961 by the Fathers of the Order of Mount Carmel, has served as the headquarters for Carmelite priests throughout California and is now the sole retirement home for Carmelite priests in the Western United States.

During the vast winter rain storms of January and February, the Priory suffered extensive damage to its roof, causing damage to many of the priest residences, and sustaining severe damage to the Priory Chapel.

The Fathers of the Order of Mount Carmel, operating under a separate Board of

Directors since 1934, remain distinct from the Province of the Most Pure Heart of Mary, in Darien, Il. Therefore, they receive no support for expenses on the Priory. Depending on the support generated from the Sunday stipends of four of the residents and the income from the two priests stationed at Crespi Carmelite High School, the community found themselves in dire straights when this crisis hit. After a house meeting, the priests decided to appeal to those men whose education was obtained under the tutelage of the Carmelites in Los Angeles.

An appeal went out to the alumni of Mount Carmel from Fr. Gus Carter, O. Carm. '42 and Fr. Tom Schrader, O. Carm.

The generosity of the Men of Carmel knows no bounds for the Carmelite priests! From every amount imaginable, from classes as far back as 1940 through the 60's Mount Carmel came to the rescue.

The response was immediate with notes and cards from alumni and their spouses, all containing checks! And they are still coming in!

Thanks to this generous response, the Carrie Estelle Doheny Foundation matched the first \$20,000 collected with a grant.

The Fathers hope to host a thank you reception once the work is completed to show their sincere appreciation of Carmel in action.



MOUNT CARMEL ALUMNI COMMITTEE HOST THEIR SECOND HALL OF FAME

BY TOM PINARD '57

Six alumni of Mount Carmel, along with the entire 1954 CIF Championship basketball team were honored at the 2010 Mt. Carmel Alumni Committee Hall of Fame. The Alumni Committee, along with the Carmelite Fathers and Crespi Carmelite High School, hosted the second Mt. Carmel Hall of Fame and induction ceremony this past March with a Mass and awards luncheon.

More than fifty alumni and family members filled the dining room at Crespi Carmelite High School's Student Commons for the luncheon and to honor the men of Carmel. Fr. Tom Schrader, O. Carm., President of Crespi Carmelite, gave a prayer and welcomed the Carmel faithful to Crespi Carmelite High, carrying on the traditions that Mt. Carmel Los Angeles endowed in their graduates



from the 1930s through the 1970s.

Lunch provided time for old friends to catch up on events, mostly things in retirement and before long, it was time for Greg Cornell CCHS '74 to provide an introduction to the idea of the Mt. Carmel Hall of Fame. Cornell stressed that the Crespi Carmelite family feels strongly about the traditions that Mt. Carmel Los Angeles began and continued through the years. Not only traditions, but the "fiber" of the Los Angeles Community is a result of Mt. Carmel graduates, serving in every area of government, industry, business, education, arts and humanities.

"These men of Carmel need to be spotlighted," continued Cornell, "but those we induct in the Mt. Carmel Hall of Fame are only a reflection of the of the hundreds, thousands of other Carmel grads who have made their mark."

Then came the 2010 inductees.

Justice Richard Aldrich '56 continued his involvement with governance after Mt. Carmel as ASB President at Loyola University, then followed this with UCLA Law School, private practice, then

appointment to the Superior Court by Governor George Deukmejian, 1991. Then in 1994, he was appointed to California Court of Appeal by Governor Pete Wilson. He is married to Joan Aldrich and is proud of his children: Brooks Aldridge (Captain, United Airlines), Brendan Aldridge, (Director Business Intelligence, Travelers Ins. Co.) and Mark Aldridge, attorney. Among the other just jurists awards that have come from his peers, Justice Aldridge received the William J. Rea Jurist of the Year Award from the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates, for "his civility, professionalism and commitment to an independent judiciary."

Brigadier General Al Dugard, USAF (Ret), '50, spent close to 30 years in the Air Force, with as much time as possible with his head in the clouds. A SAC bomber pilot and aircraft commander, General Dugard moved through various command chairs before getting into his real love. Al, as Head Softball Coach at Woodbridge High School, Irvine, CA, led his Warriors to a 34-2 record and a CIF So.

Section Div II title in 1998. Those efforts led to being selected as the 1998 High School Softball coach of the Year by the Cal. Coaches Association. Al tells us that he may "hang 'm up" this year, after serving as athletic Director at Woodbridge.

John Helwig '49, with a strong football "foundation" at Mt. Carmel went on to a college and professional sports career. Helwig set a national high school shot put record in 1946 with a mark of 59-5 3/4. He was an All-Catholic League end in 1945 and named to Southern California's All-Time Catholic High School Football Team in 1968. John went on to Notre Dame where played for the immortal coach Frank Leahy as linebacker and defensive end. He was known as one of "Leahy's Lads." After graduation from Notre Dame, John was drafted by and played for another immortal coach George ("Papa Bear") Halas from 1953 to 1957.

John Hock '46, offensive lineman who played for the Chicago Cardinals

from 1950 to 1952 and Los Angeles Rams from 1953 to 1957. He was named to the Pro Bowl one time in 1956. He was drafted by the Cardinals in the 8th round in the 1950 NFL draft. In his NFL career, Hock was coached by two Hall of Fame head coaches in Earl "Curly" Lambeau and Sid Gillman. He was co-captain of a Santa Clara University (California) football squad that defeated Bear Bryant's highly ranked University of Kentucky team in the 1950 Orange Bowl. After his professional football career ended with a severe knee injury, Hock went on to a successful career as an executive with a variety of freight forwarding and transportation companies. Hock passed away and is survived by his wife Bernadette "Micki" Hock, seven children and thirteen grandchildren.

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Mt. Carmel Alumni Committee

Hon. Richard D. Aldrich '56
 Ron Berryman '57
 Judy Cannavo
 (Marlin McKeever '57)
 John Delaney '57
 Tom Donohue '54
 Ray Kelly '57
 Fr. Peter Liuzzi, O. Carm. '57
 Paul Martin '57
 Tom Pinard '57
 Martin Turley '56

Vision Statement of the Mt. Carmel Alumni Committee

The Mount Carmel Alumni Committee is an effective volunteer group of men and women of Carmel who come together to support and encourage others (Alumni/Friends) to support Carmelite Fathers in their mission of education in Southern California.

The Carmelite Fathers, brothers and lay teachers who once prepared us as young men to meet the challenges that adult life would bring, continue their mission of education to new generations of Men of Carmel at Crespi Carmelite High School.

It is our desire that the spirit and actions of this group will ignite in others, with the Zeal of Elijah, the fire that was once aglow in the halls of Mount Carmel as we join in our support of the only remaining Carmelite High School in Southern California, Crespi Carmelite.

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Dr. Dennis Murray '64, after graduation earned a bachelor's degree in political science from CSULB and a master's degree and Ph.D. in public administration from USC. Dr. Murray taught at the USC School of International and Public Affairs and served as Director of University Relations and Executive Assistant to the President at CSULB and Vice President for Development at Whit-tier College. In 1979 he was appointed President and Professor of Public Policy at Marist College on the Hudson River in Poughkeepsie, NY. Dr. Murray guided the college through an exceptional period of growth. He is a nationally known and recognized educator and author and administrator and has made significant contributions in these areas as well as his community service where he has also received numerous awards.

Michael M. Nieto '57, is one of the foremost astrophysical scientists at Los Alamos Research Laboratory, New Mexico. Mike has made significant contributions to several areas of physics including particle physics, quantum mechanics and astrophysics. His work has influenced both theoreticians and experimentalists and is nationally and internationally recognized. In addition to his personal scientific contributions, Nieto also has contributed to the Laboratory by encouraging numerous collaborations and inspiring a league of young scientists. This year, Mike plans to ease into retirement.

Tom Donahue '54, is a graduate of Mt. Carmel High School class of 1954 (20th Anniversary year of Mt. Carmel High School) and a member of the 1954 Varsity Basketball Team who won the MCIT, WSIT (Compton Tournament), were the Catholic League Champions and CIF Champions. Tom was team captain and President of the Senior class.

1954 Varsity Basketball team: The celebrated 1954 Varsity Basketball Team was coached by legendary Marty Martinelli. His assistant coach was Art Bell. The team won the Mount Carmel Invitational Tournament, Western States Invitational Tournament (Compton Tournament), Catholic League and were the California Inter-scholastic Federation (CIF) Champions. In those days there was only one championship team.

The team members were: **Larry Hauser, Tom Donahue, Sonny Cardone, Walt Prukop, Jim Taylor, Jack Breslin, Ron Yost, Jack Hayes, Willie Rivas, Don Macke, Fritz Armenta, Dave De Nunzio, Al France.** The teams combined record was 24 wins, 1 loss.

A Holy Mass, preceding the awards luncheon, was celebrated by Fr. Thomas Schrader, O. Carm. with John Delaney '57, Martin Turley '56 and Sharon and Paul Martin '57 assisting. As part of the Mass a special prayer was offered for the "brothers of Mount Carmel" who have gone to their rest: **Asst. Coach Art Bell, Larry Hauser '54, Coach Marty Martinelli, Walt Prukop '55, Ron Yost '54, Coach Mo Chavez, John Hock '48, Matt McIntosh '43, Michael Zappiteeli '53, Merlin Witte '43, Jack Tierney '41, Bud Ardanaz '56, Mickey DeGeorge '56, Art Honer and James Horner, and Al Allesandro '54**



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A GENERATION APART, CARMEL GRADS ARE TIED Tom Pinard '57

When Justice Richard Aldrich, graduate of Mt. Carmel in 1956, stood before his peers in 2007, it was as if an unspoken bond between "Men of Carmel" reached across the generations. There he was, accepting one of the most prestigious jurist awards for his "commitment to an independent judiciary," Justice Aldrich accepted the William J. Rea (Mt. Carmel '37) Jurist of the Year Award.

It was just two years before that Senior U.S. District Judge William J. Rea, 85, was maintaining an active caseload on senior status and in fact, had heard his last case, including sentencing former Azusa Mayor Stephen Alexander to six months in jail for lying on a tax return. Following the case, the Judge died while recuperating from surgery.

Mt. Carmel Alumni On the Web at
www.crespi.org
 Follow the Alumni Link to view Mt. Carmel's news and videos!

One of the first graduates of Mt. Carmel in Los Angeles, he attended UCLA and Loyola University, where he played baseball on scholarship. He attracted the interest of scouts for the Chicago Cubs, but WWII intervened and he joined the Navy, serving as a gunnery officer in the Pacific before being promoted to captain and placed in charge of a destroyer in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Rea practiced Civil Law, mostly in the fields of medical malpractice and other tort defense, in Los Angeles, and Orange Counties from 1952 until his appointment to the bench. He also served as national president of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Rea, who sat occasionally on the Ninth District U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals by designation, was appointed to the federal bench by then-President Reagan in 1984. During his career he received many awards. He is survived by his wife, Catherine Rea and son Attorney William J. Rea Jr.

MY YEAR AT MARIST COLLEGE

By Chris Carter CCHS '09

Similar to Crespi Carmelite, it didn't take long for me to get acquainted with Marist. It is an extremely warm environment (minus the weather) where the students and professors welcome you with open arms. I've often played with the idea that Marist is just an extension of Crespi, sometimes I refer to it as "Crespi College."

A tight knit school and community, Marist has an 18:1 student ratio allowing for an easy transition from high school to college. Marist is a place where you know everyone, including your professors on a first name basis. Most of my classes didn't exceed twenty students, so there isn't that big lecture hall where you might have gotten lost in the back and you never even meet your professors. All the professors at Marist know me on a first name basis and I think this is one of the most effective ways to learn.

I have to admit the weather was a bit of a shock to me, but I loved the snow days, especially because we had no class! I was able to see and enjoy all the seasons, which was incredible. From the time I arrived the campus was awash with vibrant colors everywhere; trees on campus and across the Hudson River where it is situated, marked the passage of each season. First the leaves began to fall to the ground, then the campus was filled with the sight of squirrels burying their nuts announcing to me the approach of winter. And then, just as I was ready to leave the flowers, trees and bushes had returned to their fullness.

I would recommend Marist to any of the future Crespi graduates because of its academic excellence. A Crespi Man would thrive in an institution like Marist, so if anyone is stuck on deciding where to apply for college, what would be a good fit for them, they should look no further than Marist!

My family had the wonderful opportunity to visit Marist College recently in upstate New York. This beautiful school is situated in Poughkeepsie, New York and it is surrounded by majestic scenery including the Hudson River. Vassar College is close by as well as the United States Military Academy at WestPoint.

We were treated royally by school administrators and staff. Our main mission at the school was to present Mount Carmel Alumni Hall of Fame award to Dr. Dennis Murray '64, President of Marist for his outstanding contributions to the academic community and to recognize his highly acclaimed Presidential Scholarship Program. Marist has awarded approximately fifteen scholarships to students from the Los Angeles area who are in need of major financial assistance. One of Crespi Carmelite's students, Chris Carter '09 is one of the recipients of such a scholarship. Chris has just completed his freshman year.

Because of Marist women's basketball team making it to the "Sweet Sixteen" NCAA Final rounds, Dr. Murray accompanied the team to the playoffs. Regrettably he could not accept the Hall of Fame award in person. Accepting on his behalf was Eddie Somers, Executive Assistant to the President.

We have to commend Corinne Schell, Director of External Recruitment and Outreach at Marist for her outstanding hospitality. Ms. Schell hosted a beautiful luncheon and diner for us. We highly recommend this fine educational institution for its academic programs, its national ranking and for its dedication to all students.

We are all proud of Dr. Dennis Murray, a Mount Carmel graduate, who has demonstrated great leadership over the years and who constantly articulates

the need to make our society a better place to live. Many thanks to the Carmelites who have provided the educational infrastructure to make us successful in all fields of endeavor.

Crusader Alma Mater
*On peaceful shores 'neath
 Western skies,
 Our hymn of praise we
 sing. To thee, our Alma
 Mater, hear, now let our
 voices ring.
 All hail to thee, Mount
 Carmel High,
 Crusaders; sons are we.
 We love your ways, your
 spirit bold.
 We pledge ourselves to
 thee!*

MARIST COLLEGE

by Ron Berryman '57

**Mount Carmel 50th Reunion
Fiesta
For the Class of 1960
August 21, 2010**

The class of 1960 will gather for their 50th Reunion at the home of Melinda & Ed Ruddy '60:
**1421 W Paseo Del Mar,
San Pedro, CA 90731**
The theme is a Mexican Fiesta.
The dress is casual.
The cost per person is \$30.00
Reservations **MUST** be received by **August 1, 2010.**

If you are traveling from out of town We have reserved a block of rooms at the Double Tree Hotel in the San Pedro Marina, just a 10 minute drive from the Ruddy's.

Accommodations for:
Mt. Carmel High School 50th Reunion Is **\$139 plus tax** and **MUST** be made by **August 7th** for this price.

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Missing Alumni from 1960

Arana, Dan	Garza, Ciro	Villemuer, P.
Arrita, Albert	Hardwig, Clay	Ward, Tom
Avery, Robert	Hornbecker,	
Banks, Clinton	Mike	
Casimano,	Kotabe, James	
Tony	Lebel, Norman	
Cavallo, Doug	Lewin, Peter	
Cormier,	Lopez, N.	
Martin	McCue, Peter	
Curso, Steve	Parra, Richard	
Delahoussaye,	Potter, Fred	
A.	Silletto, John	
Despars, Ed	Souza, Ron	
Dominquez, A.	Starks, L.	
Donatelli, Paul	Tanklage, R.	
Esquivel, R.	Travino, M.	
Fries, Fred	Turner, Frank	
Fuess, John	Van Berckelaer,	
	W.	

**A CALL TO ACTION TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF CARMEL...
"STEP-UP-TO-THE-PLATE"**

BY PATRICK DUNCAN '60

My wife, Mary and I have a strong sense of our blessings. My name is Pat Duncan and I am a graduate of Mount Carmel class of 1960. I feel that we received that base from our Catholic education and the sacrifices that our parents made to send us to Catholic schools. Mary is graduate from Notre Dame Academy in 1962.

We cannot guess how our lives would have turned out without a solid Catholic education. Not only has our spiritual life been an unending strength and support during life's challenges...but equally important our spiritual foundation has been critically important in making the ethically and spiritually correct decisions in life. When faced with a decision, it's so comforting to be able to ask oneself, 'what would God do in this situation.'

We met in 1959 on a blind date and continued dating for the remainder of high school and college. I received my AS degree in Aviation, while Mary graduated as an RN in 1966, a year after we were married in Culver City at St. Augustine's Catholic Church in 1965. In 1974 we moved to California's Central Coast and became members of St. William's Catholic Church in Atascadero and have been for the past 35 years. Retiring 2004 after exciting careers in aviation and Pediatric Medicine, we now enjoy prowling around the 'boondocks' for four to five months each year in our RV.

Although not blessed with children, we understand the struggles faced by today's parents who want to give their children the benefits of a Catholic Education. Although I recall the amount of my tuition at Mount Carmel was \$25.00 a month, my parent's struggles and sacrifices ensured I got a Catholic education. With this in mind Mary and I recently reconstructed our Trust.

Since God has blessed us in so many ways, we have decided to provide a grant to both Mount Carmel/Crespi and Notre Dame Academy for financial Aid for students in need.

With the tremendous financial pressure on our Catholic educational institutions, we all need to help in any and every way we can. It is our hope and prayer that everyone who has been blessed with a spiritual education such as those provided to us by the Carmelites and the Sisters of Notre Dame, please consider providing financial provisions and support in any way possible to these blessed and struggling schools! You can do this through monthly donations, wills, trusts, endowments, property/equipment gifts or any other means or vehicle available to you. It is terribly critical to step up to the plate and help our struggling Catholic Educational institutions in every way we can, both financially and physically through personal support, mentoring and volunteerism.

**MEN OF CARMEL, STEP UP TO THE PLATE AND CONTINUE THE TRADUION OF CARMELITE EDUCATION IN
THE LOS ANGELES AREA**

- I would like to contribute to the Mt. Carmel Scholarship Fund (benefitting a student at Crespi Carmelite)
- I would like to establish a Memorial Scholarship in honor of _____ (benefitting a student at Crespi Carmelite)
- I would like to support the Carmelite Fathers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Priory, Encino
- I would like more information on how as a Man of Carmel I can "Step-up-to-the-Plate"

Name & Gr. Yr. _____ Contact ph#: _____

Return with your Hall of Fame ballot in the self enclosed mailer

MOUNT CARMEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

On March 20, 2011 we will once again gather to honor the glory days of Mount Carmel High School and reminisce with family and friends. We invite you to submit your suggestions for nominees to this Hall of Fame no later than December 31, 2010. Please include names to be considered for induction in each category, their graduation year and their contribution for the category you are nominating them. If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Lynn Gaytan at 818-654-1322/lgaytan@crespi.org

Teams of Mount Carmel			Individual Inductees			Man of Carmel Award		
Team/Sport	Year	Reason	Nominee/Sport	Year	Reason	Nominee	Year	Reason
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Spiritual Award			Men of Carmel Business Leader Award			Mount Carmel Family Legacy Award		
Nominee	Year	Reason	Nominee	Year	Reason	Nominee	Year	Reason

**Please complete this form and return to:
Mount Carmel High School Alumni Association
Attn: Lynn Gaytan
5031 Alonzo Avenue
Encino, CA 91316**