

## Football Returns to Brebeuf

Football is returning to Brebeuf. After a thirty year absence, the Brebeuf Bulls will take the field. At school town halls held over the past year the students overwhelmingly expressed their strong interest in varsity football.

In April, 2017 the Alumni Association began a fundraising campaign to help bring football back to Brebeuf. While it was hoped that the program could in place by September, 2017 the school administration decided to defer the return of football to September, 2018 and allow more lead time to plan for the return of football and to raise the necessary funds.

### In order to properly bring back football to Brebeuf we need the continued support of our alumni.

It will cost approximately \$50,000 to secure all of the proper equipment needed for both Junior and Senior teams. To field even one team will cost \$30,000.00. While the school fully supports the football program, its budget is very limited in terms of extra funds available; the onus is falling on the alumni to help financially sustain this initiative.

To date, just over \$20,000.00 has been raised through the very generous support of many alumni. However, we need additional financial support by January 31, 2018 to make this dream a reality and allow the football program to go forward.



We would welcome your support as we still need to raise additional funds in order for this program to succeed. These expenses translate into a cost of a little more than \$500/player so we are asking all alumni to consider contributing in one of three ways:

- 'sponsoring a player' with a \$500 commitment. So far more than 20 alumni have met this challenge and we invite you to join this group. A full tax receipt will be issued.
- Donate \$100 to \$250 to help partially sponsor a player. A full tax receipt will be issued.
- Become a sponsor and promote your business while supporting Brebeuf

Please review the pledge forms on page 14 to see how you can financially support the football program as a donor or sponsor.

If you require any further information please contact **Frank MacGrath '82** at [fmacgrath@gtigolf.com](mailto:fmacgrath@gtigolf.com)

Thanks for your support - Go Bulls!

## Alumni Association Update

The Brebeuf Alumni Association's main objective is to support Brebeuf College school by keeping the alumni in contact with Brebeuf and with their fellow alumni.

Our current priorities include:

- Continuing to develop the Order of St. Jean de Brebeuf under the leadership of **Steve White '81** Please see Steve's article on the OSJB on page 7.
- The return of football to Brebeuf has generated a lot of alumni interest and we certainly appreciate the support of so many Brebeufians. Please see the football articles on pages 1 & 5 to see how you can support this initiative. The pledge card details are included on the last page of the newsletter.
- Outreach to more alumni, particularly "young alumni" from the last 15 grad years is a priority. We are looking to recruit 2-3 alumni from each year to serve as the main points of contact between the Alumni Association and the alumni members. **Peter Gillespie '85** [Peter.Gillespie@freedom55financial.com](mailto:Peter.Gillespie@freedom55financial.com) is spearheading this initiative and would welcome input from any alumni interested in serving as year reps for their years. We would particularly invite alumni from the grad years 2002-2017.

Finally, a note of thanks to two special groups of alumni : on page 11 there is a list of our advertisers. Nearly all are alumni and many have advertised for well over ten years. We thank them for their continued support and we encourage all alumni to consider using these various businesses should their products or services be of help to you.

Our hard-working Alumni Executive volunteers a lot of time and effort throughout the year, planning the various alumni activities. Thanks to the following for their ongoing commitment to Brebeuf:

Michael Da Costa '92	Bryon Di Sera '81	Mike Flint '89
Peter Gillespie '85	Andrew Munro '82	Jonathan Page '93
Steve White '81	Marc Vittorio '01	Alexander Zappone '08

A special note of thanks to **Sal Pusateri '79** who stepped down from the Alumni Executive in June after several years of service. This was Sal's 'second tour of duty' as he was one of the original members of the Alumni Association executive formed in 1982. Thank you Sal for all you have done for Brebeuf! We look forward to welcoming Rosemary Lavery (former staff) to the alumni executive in 2018.

Thanks to all of our alumni for their continued support. Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2018.

**Frank MacGrath '82**

Chairman, Brebeuf Alumni Association

## Principal's Message

It has been a fantastic start to the new school year. The past few months have been a whirlwind of activity. The year started with our annual gr.9 Orientation at Camp Muskoka Woods, which was a great success. Once again, almost all of our gr.9s participated, along with student leaders in gr.10-12. The camaraderie and sense of brotherhood began to form quickly at the three-day event. Following this, the Student Council organized its second Colour Me Beuf Charity Run, with gr.9 students being splashed with coloured powder as they jogged around the school. Over \$1000 was raised for charity.

In October, homeroom classes across all grades recited the rosary with our chaplains and religion teachers. Other events included Gr.9 Parent Orientation Night (formerly Curriculum Night), the Academic Awards ceremony, and Gr.8 Open House. In the first few days of November, Student Council hosted its first dance "Silence" (a very ironic name for this dance!), which was attended by approximately 250 students. We hosted our first Town Hall of the school year, where students had the opportunity to talk about issues that were affecting the school. As well, our gr.9 students participated in Take Our Kids to Work Day, while the school hosted 300 gr.7 and 8 students from a number of elementary schools for Take Our Kids to Brebeuf Day. Our Religion retreats took place throughout the two months, along with the Salesian Retreat; these provided students with an opportunity to reflect and further develop their faith. Finally, our Business/Tech department invited a speaker to do a presentation called "Funny Money" which focused on money management.

In mid-October, we received some new furniture for our Library/Learning Commons. The new furnishings include mobile tables and chairs, some café style tables and chairs, new shelving, and some lounge furniture that has quickly become a hit with our students.

We recently concluded our annual Used Clothing Drive, which brought in a record amount of clothing – 3752 items! – to be donated to St. Vincent de Paul. Coming up, we look forward to the Brebeuf Social Justice Symposium, the Can-Aid campaign (including Kiss-a-Fish), the Kairos Retreat, Christmas Arts Fest, and our Advent School Mass. Our music Jazz Bands will also be playing Christmas concerts at several elementary schools.

Some good news from last school year – we found out that in June that one of our graduates, **Alexander Demopolous '17**, was the top scholar in the North York region for the TCDSB. Alex achieved an average of 99.67%. We are so proud of his accomplishment!

On a different note, we continue to look for funds to assist the school in resurrecting its football team. Please consider making a donation to help us make this dream a reality for the 2018-19 school year. Football was identified as one of the main sports that students would like to see at Brebeuf.

Finally, wishing all of you the best during this Advent season. May you and your families have a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Derek Chen  
Principal  
Brebeuf College School



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## Alumni Scholarship Winners

Each June the Alumni Association & Brebeuf College recognize graduating students with scholarships and awards. Congratulations to the following 2017 recipients:

- The Peter Knopfel '81 Memorial Scholarship  
**Daniel Gaspar '17** & **Anthony Yacub '17**
- The Father St. Clair Monaghan, S.J. Alumni Award  
**Noah Ennis '17**
- The Michael Tomaszek '82 Music Award  
**Joseph Moolecherry '17**
- The Bob Shannon '68 Memorial Bursary  
**Luca Bruzzese '17** & **Christian Galluzzo '17**
- The Gerry Tanner Scholarship - **Patrick Alido '17**
- The Michael Thompson '69 Award  
**Nicholas Karpouzis '17**
- The Martin Foy '82 Memorial Scholarship  
**Adrian Valenzuela '17**
- John Murphy '81 Award for the Most Improved Grade 11 Student - **Dorian DiTomasso '18**

Many thanks to the various alumni and friends of Brebeuf who generously support these awards on an ongoing basis. Special thanks to the Foy, Knopfel, Thompson and Tomaszek families and to **Mark Baker '82**, **Paul Lavin '82**, **George Macri '69**, **Rick Reddick '68**, **Tom Stuart '68**, **Brett Tanner '81**, **Chris Venneri '82**, **John Warecki '82**, **Richard Yip-Chuck '82** and **Pat Yip-Chuck '80**.

A special note of thanks to **George Macri '69**. One of Brebeuf's most generous and loyal supporters over many years, George has funded the following academic awards :

- E.J. Barry Renaissance Award offered in celebration of the many contributions of Jim Barry (Brebeuf staff member 1963-1996). The 2017 recipient was **Matthew Astill '17**
- O'Neil P. Gazeley Scholarship offered in recognition of Brebeuf's first Vice-Principal (1963-1991). The 2017 recipient is **Masis Kevorkian '17**
- Lou Puccini Scholarship named in honour of Brebeuf's longtime Math Dept. head. The 2017 recipients were **Lanz Pinlac '17** and **Angelo Ines '17**



## School News

- Brebeuf assisted several charities in 2017 including raising \$1000 for the Angel Foundation as part of the Colour Me Beuf run; more than 4000 articles of clothing were collected for the St. Vincent de Paul Society; thousands of cans of food were collected for Can-Aid and Brebeuf continues to support the Presentation Brothers' schools in Ghana.
- Rosemary Lavery retired after many years of teaching at Brebeuf and has been instrumental in organizing many alumni events at the school. Brebeuf has created a new award in Rosemary's honour to be given to the student with the highest mark in Grade 12 Accounting.
- **John Murphy '81** has retired after 30 years of teaching at Brebeuf, most recently as Head of Student Services. In recognition of John's many contributions to Brebeuf, the Alumni Association has renamed the "Most Improved Grade 11 Student Award" after John Murphy.
- Joel Ndongmi, Gr 11, was chosen as a Student Trustee for the TCDSB. This is the first time a Brebeufian has represented the voices Brebeuf held co-ed classes with St. Joseph's Morrow Park. SJMP students come to Brebeuf for World History and Brebeufians go to Morrow Park for World Issues.
- Brebeuf math students continue to excel in Advanced Placement exams. Of the twenty-four Grade 11 students and one Grade 12 student from Mr. Ryan's classes who wrote AP Calculus: nine students got a 5 out of 5 (Perfect or First Class University Standing); two students got a 4 out of 5 (Second Class University Standing) and eight students got a 3 out of 5 (Third Class University Standing).
- Over half the Class of 2017 were Ontario Scholars. 40 grads earned the Edmund Rice Award for being on the Honour Roll for all four years of high school.
- Brebeuf is offering two March Break trips in 2018 : a pilgrimage to Spain to connect with our Jesuit origins and a service trip to Peru in conjunction with the Loretto Sisters.
- Brebeuf started the Camp Olympia Leadership Weekend 25 years ago, and this past May the school once again hosted this experience for several high schools.
- In Sports, the Jr. Rugby team won the TDCAA Championship; Sr. Tennis won bronze at OFSAA; Gr 9 Flag Football came second in TDCAA; Non-Contact Hockey team finished second in TDCAA and the Junior Basketball Bulls were league finalists.

Stay connected to what is going on at Brebeuf College.

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# Alumni Pub Night

## Friday, May 5th, 2017



**Please join us Friday, May 11, 2018  
at Brebeuf for the next  
Alumni Pub Night and Auction**

**1)** John Murphy '81, Ken Abbott '81, Bryon Di Sera '81, John Younder '81, Greg Curran '81 and Mike Rogers '81 catch up at the alumni pub night. **2)** Larry Bobbett '74, Oscar Fava '74 and Nabil Tadros '74. **3)** The class of '82 was well presented at the pub night and celebrated their 35th Anniversary - Andrew Munro, Marten Devries, Michael MacKenzie, Mark Ross, Mark Baker, Rick Sznajder, Michel Leblanc, Frank MacGrath, Paul Lavin & Bruno Koscak. **4)** The Class of 1997 celebrating 20 years after leaving Brebeuf. **5)** Errol Fernandes '91, Ben Dizon '91 and Ziad Zaccak '91 enjoying the pub night.



## Football Returns to Brebeuf



There is a lot of excitement at Brebeuf about the Brebeuf Bulls taking to the gridiron after a 30 year absence.

At the May 5, 2017 alumni pub night, many grads generously made financial contributions to the return of football to Brebeuf. A special note of thanks to Jim MacDonald '79 who donated his framed Brebeuf football jersey back to the school (see photo attached). Several other alumni, notably Rob Pellegrini '80 and Jim Hubbard '81 showed up at the pub night actually wearing their football jerseys.

The Alumni Association is very pleased to report that as of December 1, 2017 more than \$20,000 has been raised through the generous support of more than 50 alumni across a wide span of graduating years.

Special thanks to all of these alumni donors and in particular to Greg Curran '81 and Brett Tanner '81 for their leadership gifts in supporting this initiative and to Peter Barbetta '70 for helping secure many contributions from some of Brebeuf's "original" football players.

Brebeuf is very fortunate to have John Engel on its teaching staff. John is a very experienced football coach who played football at York University and has served as an assistant coach at various high schools and universities over the past fifteen years. John has already put together a very detailed overview on the Brebeuf football program with the goal of fielding both Junior and Senior football teams in September, 2018 involving more than 80 young Brebeufians.

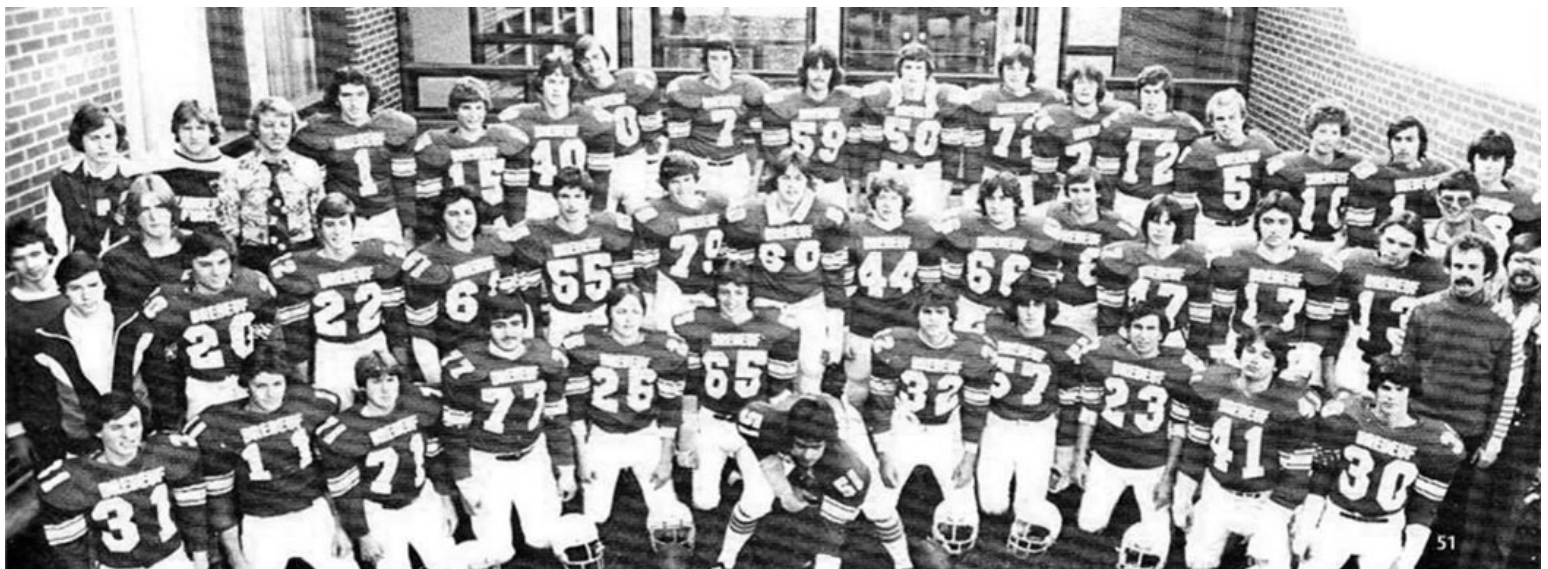
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Framed Brebeuf football jersey generously donated to Brebeuf by Jim MacDonald '79



A Brebeuf classic  
A vintage Brebeuf Bulls red leather football jacket

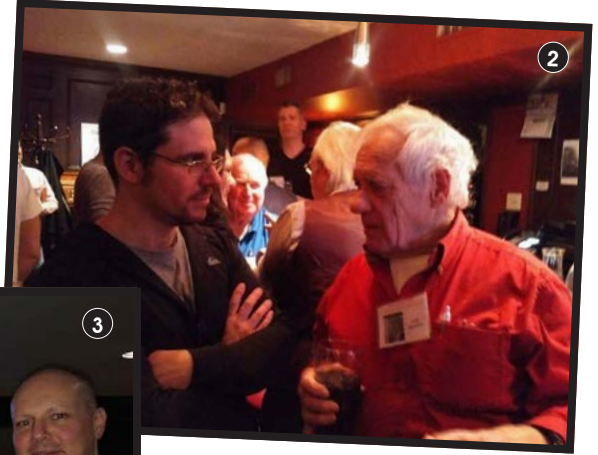


The 1978-79 Senior Football Team, Brebeuf Football Archives



## Class of 1992 - 25th Reunion

In April, 2017 more than 40 member of the Class of 1992 gathered at P.J. O'Brien's Pub to celebrate their 25th Anniversary year. Special guests included former & current Brebeuf staff members E.J. Barry, **John Murphy '81**, Dina Orlando, Roman Turlo, Mark Burke, Anne Johnston, Gerard MacNeil and Eileen Barry, **Brian O'Neill '92**, student council president 1990-1991, spoke for the class and entertained all with his stories from our time at Brebeuf in the days of Brother Maher and the portapak. Part of the proceeds went to fund a secondary scholarship for a student at a Presentation Bothers' school in Ghana.



1) Scott Davies, Colin Braganza, Peter DeNicolais, Anne Johnston, Andrew Tsang. 2) Peter DeNicolais and E.J. "Jim" Barry. 3) Peter Daher, Paul McGovern, Roman Turlo, Sandro Morassutti 4) Jason Baycroft, Brian Chambers, Garo Aprahamian (RIP), Stephen Hoo Sue. 5) Brian O'Neil, Peter Daher, Nassos Karacostas, Tony Hatsis 6) John Murphy '81, Andrew Tsang, Dina Orlando, Paul McGovern 7) Mike McWilliams, Pascal D'Souza, Duane Crichton, Peter Daher

If any alumni are interested in organizing a special reunion or get-together for their year, the Alumni Association can help by providing your year with contact lists and outreach to alumni and to current & former staff.

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## Order of Saint Jean de Brebeuf

By **Steve White, '81** – Chair, OSJB Selection Committee

The Order of Saint Jean de Brebeuf is the highest honour the Brebeuf Community can bestow on one of its constituents. Initiated in 2012 by the Brebeuf Alumni Association, the Order is open to any member of the Brebeuf Community (i.e. students, staff, alumni, parents, religious, laity, etc.). Recipients are inducted into the Order in recognition of achievements that exemplify the values and ideals for which Brebeuf stands: Faith, Discipline, Integrity, Hard Work, Humility, Success, the Pursuit of the Greater Good, Friendship, Community and for always being "Men and Women for Others".

The Order's objective is to recognize those who have demonstrated through their service to community the values for which the school has always stood and to reinforce the sense of community from which we build strength and future achievement. Ingrained is a sense of working for others and of social justice or improvement.

If you know someone who you believe is worthy of such recognition, please complete the nomination form, available at [www.brebeufalumni.org](http://www.brebeufalumni.org), or contact Steve White '81 ([swhite.62@live.com](mailto:swhite.62@live.com)) or Mike Da Costa '92 ([Michael.dacosta@tcdsb.org](mailto:Michael.dacosta@tcdsb.org)).

Nominations will remain open until January 31, 2018. Please note any previously submitted nominations will remain for consideration for the 2018 Inductees.

### Call for Order of Brebeuf Nominations

Know Someone Who Deserves to be Recognized with the Order of Saint Jean de Brebeuf ?

The OSJB is named for our Patron and is the highest honour that can be bestowed on a member of the Brebeuf Community.

Nominations will be accepted until January 31, 2018. If you would like to nominate someone please contact

**Steve White '81** at [swhite.62@live.com](mailto:swhite.62@live.com) or **Mike Da Costa '92** at [michael.dacosta@tcdsb.org](mailto:michael.dacosta@tcdsb.org)

We will then follow up for further details.

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## Where Are They Now?

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### Alumni Updates

**Leonardo Caligaro '09** is a Jr. Web Developer at blackjet.inc.

**Steven Celebre '04** is a report analyst at Environmental Risk Information Services.

**Boris Dyakov '11** is a PHD candidate in molecular genetics at University of Toronto.

**Barry Engelhardt '76** just published his second book called "Musings of a Medical Dinosaur". He is donating profits from the book to addiction rehabilitation programs. For more details please visit [www.jbarryengelhardtbooks.ca](http://www.jbarryengelhardtbooks.ca)

**Bernie Grafe '94** is a Multi-Res Operations Manager at Citron Hygiene, formerly Cannon Services.

**Bashar Kaassamani '11** is a community worker at Toronto Community Housing.

**Stephen Kicinski '84** is a CFA and Senior Managing Director of Private Fixed Income for Sun Life.

**Marc Kielburger '95**, co-founder of Me To We, was the Guest Speaker at the 2017 Graduation Exercises.

**Tom Korte '82** recently retired from York Region Police Service.

**Lawrence Leung '08** is a CMA and Financial Analyst at Enghouse Systems.

**Patrick Ma '00** is a Deputy Director of a.i.r. nyc and a graduate of Yale University School of Management. Formerly, a V.P. of Business Operations for the United Way of New York.

**Joseph Maiorana '97** is a structures engineer at Multimac Inc.

**Canice Mok '11** is Associate Analyst at York Region.

**James O'Shea '95** is a V.P., Financial Institutions, TD Bank.

**Michael Serapio '89** is the morning news anchor on CBC News Network. Previously, a reporter at both CityTV and CTV News.

**Brad Stephenson '90** is an audiologist and manager is Stafa, Switzerland.

**Richard Stevens '81** is V. P., Business Development, ChannelAssist Inc.

**Peter Won Woo Sung '09** is a Senior Credit Officer for RBC Capital Market.

**Paul F. Wren '73** – After having taught Mathematics for 37 years, 2 yrs in Toronto (Don Bosco – TDSSB then UCC – Lower School) and 35yrs at Georgetown District High School (the last 7 as Head of the Math dep't), Paul retired in June 2015 and lives in Brampton, ON with his Cavalier Spaniel – Louis.

### Alumni Honoured

**Michael Aquino '93** was named the 2017 recipient of the CCAA Coaching Excellence Award in soccer.

**Nabil Tadros '74** was inducted into the University of Toronto Sports Hall of Fame in June, 2017 in the Builder Category. For more than 30 years Nabil has served as the Head Coach of the U of T Varsity Tennis Team, winning numerous League OUA championships. A four time recipient of "OUA coach of the Year" honours. Nabil has mentored hundreds of young athletes, both as a tennis coach and as a long time high school teacher. Among his many other accomplishments Nabil has also been a very active member of the Brebeuf Alumni Association, serving as year rep for 1974 as well as previously coordinating the alumni basketball tournament. Nabil joins fellow Brebeufian **Mark Purdy '82** as a member of the U of T Sports Hall of Fame.

**Michael Lock '86**, a medical doctor, received the Staff "Human touch" award from Ontario Cancer Care.

**Blair McArthur '80** was recently named one of the University of Waterloo's 60th Anniversary Alumni Award recipients. Blair, a 1985 Engineering graduate, is President & CEO of the Miller Group, which celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 2017 and was named one of the top GTA employers.

**Ted Maulucci '85**: Ted is president of SmartONE Solutions Inc, a company dedicated to the next-generation Smart Communities. In 2016, Ted was named the Private Sector Canadian CIO of the year, and in 2017 Engineers Canada awarded Ted with the Meritorious Service Award for Community Service.

### Alumni Profile

**Luki Danu '98** : Luki graduated with a computer science degree, joined Deloitte on the management consulting side and eventually become a senior manager and lead a practice area. In 2015, he since started his own career coaching venture helping millennials unlock their career potential with the goal to make Toronto the mentorship capital of the world. He is now a published author <https://focusinspired.com/siwikiobook>, teaches at Centennial and mentors student businesses at UT Scarborough's startup accelerator.

**Dr. Paul J. Steiner, D.D.S.**  
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## Where Were They Seen?

We welcome photos of alumni getting together wherever they may be. Just send in your photo to [brebeufalumni@yahoo.com](mailto:brebeufalumni@yahoo.com) along with a brief description of the alumni in the photo – and please include their grad year if possible.



Tim Flanagan '81 (far left) recently moved to Scottsdale, Arizona and hosted his classmates Bryon Disera '81, Greg Curran '81 and Brad Maxwell '81 for a golf weekend in November. Note the stylist shirts the boys are wearing!



Larry Lancefield '75, Terry Sweeney '76, Paul Oulahan '75 and Michael Wren '75 enjoy a day on the golf course at Angus Glen at the Fr. Jack O'Brien Golf Classic in support of the Jesuits in September, 2017



Each December Marten Devries '82 gathers some classmates for lunch in Toronto. Tony Dean '82, Robert Baldaug '82 (all the way from Alberta) & Rick Sznajder '82 catch up at Earl's.



Hollie Doyle, former staff (left) congratulates John Murphy '81 on his retirement from teaching at Brebeuf



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# Alumni News

## Alumni Golf Classic 2017

More than 60 alumni & friends of Brebeuf braved the elements on a cold and wet July afternoon at the Alumni Golf Classic. Although the very wet weather reduced play to 9 holes from 18, those in attendance still enjoyed getting together, especially by the beer station near the 10th tee and inside a much warmer clubhouse. Special mention to the 'young alumni foursome' of Brent Tobin '07, Jamie Tobin '09, Luke Pasquale '09 and Ryan Smith '07 who somehow managed to play all 18 holes and put through numerous puddles.

Thank you to the tournament sponsors including :

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- Dennis Tobin '79 (Blaney McMurtry LLP)

The Alumni Association wishes to thank Sleepy Hollow Golf Club for the rain checks provided to the golfers. We look forward to welcoming returning and new golfers back to Sleepy Hollow on Thursday, July 12th for the 2018 Brebeuf Alumni Golf Classic.

Please contact Frank MacGrath '82 [fmacgrath@gtigolf.com](mailto:fmacgrath@gtigolf.com) for further details.

**2018 Brebeuf Alumni Golf Classic**  
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# The Canadian Canoe Pilgrimage

By Kevin Kelly, S.J.

The Canadian Canoe Pilgrimage ended its historic voyage on August 15, 2017, the Feast of the Assumption, at the Mohawk First Nations reserve of Kahnawá:ke on the south shore of Montreal. A core group of 30 paddlers canoed a distance of over 850 kilometres with another 40 individuals joining at various points along the journey. Despite the 1000's of bug bites, sunburns, days of rain and early mornings, a harrowing rescue on the Georgian Bay, and many bumps and bruises, the paddlers not only reached their destination in the planned 26 days, they formed close friendships and deepened their commitment to building community in doing so.

The goal of the Canadian Canoe Pilgrimage was to bring together different cultures that form the fabric of Canada today for an experience of encounter, dialogue and reconciliation. The mix of participants—Indigenous peoples, Jesuits, English and French, men and women, people of faith and non-believers, young and old—were immersed in the Calls-to-Action made by Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The hope was that together this group would engage the skills required for dialogue and building relationships outlined in these Calls-to-Action and value the need for immediate and active participation in order to acknowledge past and change current injustices faced by Canada's Indigenous Peoples. The experience of the group demonstrated that active listening, trusting and respecting the other's viewpoint, and developing the capacity to share our own vulnerabilities are foundational to this active participation necessary for reconciliation.

Pope Francis describes the word "encounter" as central to the way he thinks of Christian relationships. He encourages us to be fearless and look beyond our own needs and wants to those of others. He believes that we must be ready to 'step out' of ourselves as Jesus did: not just seeing, but looking; not just hearing, but listening; not just passing people by, but stopping with them; not just saying "what a shame, poor people!", but allowing ourselves to be moved with compassion.

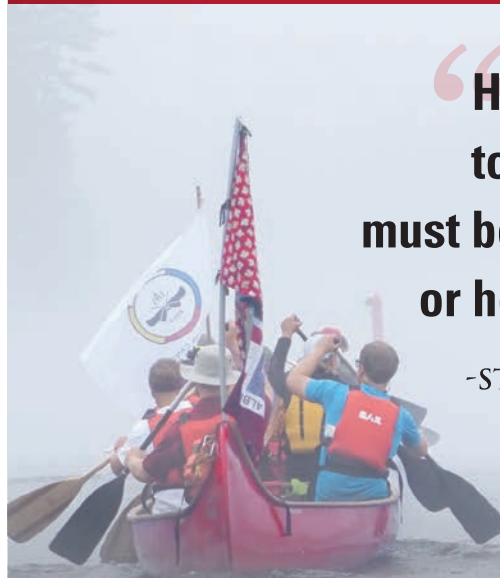
This was the life changing experience of the paddlers. The pilgrimage provided concrete experiences of encounter, meeting the other as they are in very challenging circumstances. Because of the physical demands of paddling long distances every day, pilgrims were ripped from their comfort zones and were required to risk engaging others more intimately than many relationships afford. Each person was called to be both leader and follower depending on the gifts and strengths they brought to a given situation. Each was vulnerable at different points and needed the other. Each experienced a deep sense of dependence and mutuality—gifts that are rarely received in our world today. The pilgrimage also showed how time is a critical factor in coming to know and truly understand the other. Reconciliation takes time. It takes patience and acceptance that engaging with the other is not always within our control but that risking encountering the other as they are and as we are called to be is an essential step in reconciliation.

The Canadian Canoe Pilgrimage continues to raise funds for the project to address costs incurred this year and to investigate opportunities for future pilgrimages. You can help by donating on our website (<https://canoepilgrimage.com>). Any support is greatly appreciated!

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