

Luka Stoikos '21 Awarded Football Scholarship

While there was no football season at Brebeuf in 2020 due to the pandemic, one Brebeuf Bull was recognized for his success on field in previous years and his hard work in the classroom. John Engel, Brebeuf staff member and head football coach, sent the following 'good news' story about a Brebeuf football player receiving a university scholarship.

"Luka Stoikos, Brebeuf Class of 2021, signed his Letter of Intent to play football at the University of Toronto next year. It was a great day for our entire community! Luka was highly recruited by a number of schools but decided to accept U of T's offer. This will allow Luka to stay home and be close to family. We are all incredibly proud of Luka. He is a great student and a tremendous athlete. Our school, our board and our community should be proud to share this moment with Luka. He wanted us to pass on his genuine gratitude to everyone who has helped him on this journey and may God Bless him in this next stage of his life and beyond".



Coach John Engel, left, congratulates Luka

Coach Engel also wanted to acknowledge the Alumni Association and the many alumni donors who helped re-establish football at Brebeuf in 2018 after an absence of more than 35 years :

"I just want to thank the alumni for all you have done to make this happen. You guys rolled up your sleeves before the lights came on, when championships and opportunities like this one were only a dream. I want you to know that that has not been forgotten and that as these moments and achievements start to flow in, I haven't forgotten the role you guys played in making it happen".

Alumni Association Update

2020 was a year of change and challenge for all of us. Many Brebeufians have been heavily involved in fighting the pandemic (see page 2) and we salute all alumni involved in these efforts. This fall, **Linton Soares '02** was welcomed as the new Principal. We are delighted to have Linton back at Brebeuf leading our alma mater at this very challenging time. Please see the Principal's Message on page 3 for more on how Brebeuf is coping in the pandemic. Linton succeeds Derek Chen, who has been appointed as a Superintendent with the TCDSB. We thank Derek for his leadership over the past four years and for his strong support of our alumni.

While alumni events like the annual Pub Night and the Order of Brebeuf Induction Ceremony had to be cancelled in 2020, we hope to bring these popular events back in 2021. Please see pages 10 & 11 to read about the most recent Order of Brebeuf inductees.

Many alumni continue to generously contribute to Brebeuf, particularly to support the growing number of scholarships. For those alumni that wish to make a financial contribution to Brebeuf, please see the the last page of the newsletter. Online donations are also now available.

We really enjoy hearing from alumni who send in "Where Are They Now" updates and photos for our "Where Were They Seen" pages. Please keep those notes and photos coming; one of our main objectives as an association is not only to keep alumni connected to Brebeuf but also to fellow alumni.

A note of thanks to two special groups of alumni : on page 18 there is a list of our newsletter advertisers. We encourage all alumni to use these various businesses should their products or services be of help to you.

Our hard-working Alumni Executive members volunteer a lot of time and effort planning alumni events like Pub Night and the OSJB Induction ceremony. Thanks to the following alumni leaders for their ongoing commitment to Brebeuf:

Michael Da Costa '92

Mike Flint '89

Rosemary Lavery (retired staff)

Paul Lavin '82

Andrew Munro '82

Marc Vittorio '01

Bryon Di Sera '81

Peter Gillespie '85

Thomas Latina '19

Jonathan Page '93

Steve White '81

Thanks to all of our alumni for their continued support. Merry Christmas and best wishes for a safe and healthy 2021.

Frank MacGrath '82,

Chairman, Brebeuf Alumni Association

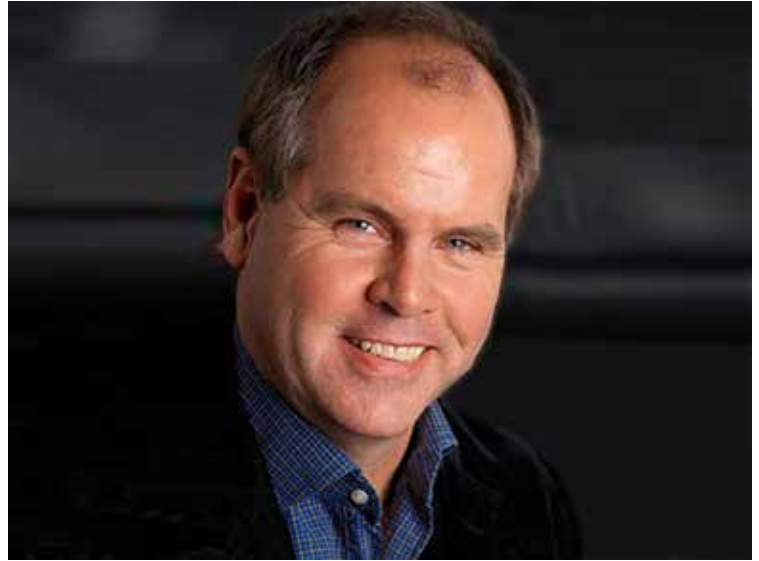
Alumni on the Frontlines

Numerous Brebeuf graduates are among the thousands of frontline heroes fighting the COVID 19 pandemic both in Canada and internationally. We wish to acknowledge the extraordinary efforts of our fellow alumni, and of all frontline workers, over the past year. Some of these alumni have played a prominent public role in Ontario, including **Anthony Dale '88** (who serves as President and CEO of the Ontario Hospital Association) and **Dr. Kieran Moore '79**, Medical Officer of Health in the Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington Region. South of the border, **Dr. Jim Lavery '80** is the Hilton Chair in Global Health Ethics at the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

Other alumni involved in the fight against COVID 19 include the following individuals pictured below:



Daniel Thamibraj '03 is an emergency department doctor in Victoria, Australia



Christopher Edward Rudd '72 an immunologist-biochemist and Professor of Medicine at the Université de Montréal and Director, Immunology-Oncology at the Centre de Recherche Hôpital Maisonneuve-Rosemont (CR-HMR)



Dr. Jon Marhong '05, is an intensive care physician in Cambridge.



Matthew C. '06, a GTA paramedic

We know there are many other Brebeuf alumni involved on the frontlines not only as health professionals but also working in grocery stores, long term care facilities, policing, firefighting and many other key sectors. Thanks to all of you for your tireless efforts and many sacrifices over the past nine months. You truly represent the meaning of being "Men for Others".

Principal's Message by Linton Soares '02

Editor's note : In September, 2020 Linton Soares '02 returned to Brebeuf to serve as the school's 12th Principal. Linton becomes the second alumnus to serve as Principal. Mike Pautler '76 served as Brebeuf's 7th Principal from 2001 to 2004.

In late July I got a call, a call of a lifetime – I was being assigned Principal at Brebeuf College School. I'll never forget the feeling I had, the excitement, the wonder and awe, that numbness, that I was coming home! Brebeuf provided me with an education that transformed my life in many ways. If I was to look back, it is the education Brebeuf provided me that opened many doors for me in the future. I fondly remember the class of 2002. It was a class with many boys who brought great spirit to Brebeuf in all areas of the school. The spirit of Brebeuf, the brotherhood of Brebeuf is something that I know formed and transformed many boys into Catholic men for others.

Of course this year has certainly been a year like no other. However, the staff and students at Brebeuf College School have risen to the challenge to continue to make Brebeuf the amazing place it is! As you have read in this Newsletter we have engaged in some exciting things that will continue to make Brebeuf a force into the future. We have introduced our STEAM Program which attracted 75 applicants. This is certainly an amazing feat and we encourage Alumni to share the word that Brebeuf is now a STEAM school. We are introducing an outdoor classroom that focuses on our Indigenous roots and puts into perspective the work of St. Jean de Brebeuf. We have continued to offer many extracurriculars online and even a few in person (with strict COVID-19 safety measures in place) and we have celebrated the Class of 2020; we'd like to welcome these young men into the Brebeuf Alumni Brotherhood!

As a Staff community we have come to realize that we must continue refocusing our energy on our roots. Our community is no doubt steeped in two traditions, the Jesuits and Presentation Brothers. As Mike Da Costa '92 stated to us a few months back, Brebeuf has two lungs, the Jesuits and the Presentation Brothers. Each breathe air into this school and community. This imagery is very powerful when you look at it from the perspective of boys education and Catholicity. Boys need to understand and then make the connection with why they are at Brebeuf and their Catholic identity and faith. They need recognize the value and traditions that both of these "lungs" breathe forth. Our boys need to recognize that these two "lungs" formed and transformed each one of us Alumni into the Men we are today. Our boys need to know that joining the Brebeuf Brotherhood means that they will be educated in the traditions of the Jesuits and the Presentation Brother and be transformed from boys into Men for Others.

As an Alum, and now Principal at Brebeuf College School, I'd like to ensure that each and every Alumni feel at home here at Brebeuf. Post COVID, our doors will always be open for a visit. We'd love our current students and these future Alum to know how special Brebeuf is and the EXCELLENT 'Men for Others' Brebeuf has formed.

Linton Soares '02

"Nothing great is ever achieved without enduring much." - - St. Catherine of Siena

Class of 2020 – Graduating During the Pandemic

Congratulations to Brebeuf's newest group of alumni, the Class of 2020! While the graduates were not able to gather together for the traditional June graduation ceremony, each graduate did receive their diploma in a special "socially distant" ceremony at Brebeuf on October 23rd.



Mark Guillen, Class of 2020



Representing his classmates is **Antony Di Nicole '20**, Brebeuf's student council President in 2019-2020.

Alumni Scholarship Winners

Each June the Alumni Association & Brebeuf College recognize graduating students with scholarships and awards. Congratulations to the following 2020 recipients:

- The **Peter Knopf '81** Memorial Scholarship
Christopher Smolej '20 & **Anthony Di Nicolo '20**
- The Father St. Clair Monaghan, S.J. Alumni Award
Martin Trotter '20
- **Jim Morris '77** Journalism Award – **Anthony Di Nicolo '20**
- The Marcus McInerney Scholarship – **Alexander Davies '20**,
Markus Marcarian '20 & **Judhell Ramirez '20**
- **Michael Tomaszek '82** Music Award - **Kyle Gabeling '20**
- The Gerry Tanner Scholarship – **Harry Fatukasi '20**
- The **Michael Thompson '69** Award – **William Greene '20**
- **Martin Foy '82** Memorial Scholarship – **Connor Boyle '20**
- E.J. Barry Renaissance Award – **Patrick Urban '20**
- O'Neil P. Gazeley Scholarship – **Dennis O'Brien '20**
- Lou Puccini Scholarship
Jimmy Walker '20 & **Jeremy Toledo Solorzano '20**

Many thanks to the various alumni and friends of Brebeuf who generously support these awards on an ongoing basis. Special thanks to the Foy, Knopf, McInerney, Thompson and Tomaszek families and to **Robert Baldauf '82**, **Mark Baker '82**, **Paul Foy '84**, **Paul Lavin '82**, **Frank MacGrath '82**, **Barry McInerney '81**, **Brett Tanner '81**, **Chris Venneri '82**, **John Warecki '82**, **Richard Yip-Chuck '82** and **Pat Yip-Chuck '80**.

Other Class of 2020 members recognized with graduation awards included:

- Michael Brown Memorial Award - **Rogex Contestable '20**
- Joe Will Award - **Rexsan Packiyannathar '20**
- **Raphael Kum Ming Loh '03** Award for Most Improvement
Mario Arevalo Canas '20
- **Raphael Kum Ming Loh '03** Award for Sports Leadership
Mark Guillen '20
- Governor-General's Medal For Highest Achievement
Dennis O'Brien '20

School News

Staff Retirements - Brebeuf has bid farewell to Rick Naccarato, our dedicated Co-Op teacher since 1993, and two hard-working members of the caretaking staff: Alex Tungol and Fred Cristobal.

Alumni on staff - The current staff includes the following alumni: **Eric Guy '82**, **Mike Da Costa '92**, **Michael Aquino '93**, **Alex Sabatini '93**, **Brad Chin You '97**, and **Linton Soares '02**.

STEAM - Brebeuf is introducing a new programme in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics. It is a highly selective innovation that we hope will both cement Brebeuf's academic tradition and attract new students. See <https://brebeufcollegesteam.wixsite.com/brebeufsteam> for more information.

2020 Graduating Class - More than 50% of the 2020 class were Ontario Scholars. 25% were inducted into the Blessed Edmund Rice Society (four years on the honour roll).

Sports - Brebeuf had another excellent year (pre-Covid) in 2019-2020 including the Junior City Football Championship and Silver medals for the soccer team.

Brebeuf's Advanced Placement - This programme continues to grow, offering students exposure to university-level material while still in high school. Students will apply into the programme with the opportunity to take pre-AP courses in English, math, science, and geography.

Math Update - In May 2020, Mr. Ryan's Gr. 11 Math class wrote the AP Calculus Exam. This test is almost exclusively written by specially trained Grade 12 students across North America. If a student does well on it (3, 4, or 5 out of 5), they gain exemption from first year University Calculus at most Universities and also gain preferential status in their applications to University. Of the 29 Grade 11 students that wrote it: 7 students received a 5 (First Class Standing); 9 students received a 4 (Second Class Standing); 7 students obtained a 3 (Third Class Standing). In all, 23 out of 29 Brebeuf Students have met or exceeded the performance of MOST first year University students in Calculus.

Community - Brebeuf continues to promote the "Men for Others" ethos with many fundraising initiatives including: Can Aid for the Good Shepherd Centre; clothing drive for St. Vincent de Paul; book drive for Indigenous youth; Christmas boxes for the less fortunate; and fundraising for the Presentation Brothers' schools in Africa.



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Brebeuf's Athletic Archives and Recognizing Our Sports Pioneers

Nabil Tadros '74 has volunteered countless hours reviewing Brebeuf's archives to catalog athletes and school teams from the 60's and 70's that won individual honours or league championships in their respective sports. Below is a list of the championship teams of which basketball seems to have been the dominant sport with Brebeuf winning 10 basketball championships between 1965 and 1974 and numerous teams reaching the league finals. As Nabil notes this success was "most likely due to Fr. Toppings' Saturday morning basketball club". We would like to reach as many alumni as possible from those teams as well as any others from the 60s and 70s era to come out to recognize our pioneer coaches and sports teams. This will hopefully be done in May 2021, subject to the current COVID 19 restrictions being lifted. Please contact Nabil directly at nabilstadros@gmail.com

Brebeuf Basketball History 1963-1974 (BT = Bantam, JR = Junior, SR = Senior)

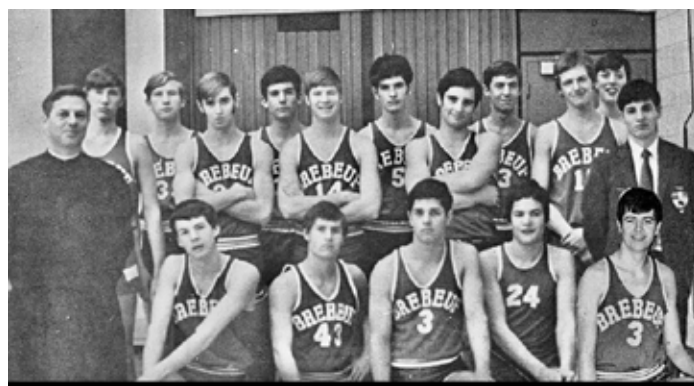
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1969-70 Basketball BT champs (22-1) Basketball JR Finalists (26-3) Basketball SR; ALL STAR- Frank Flanagan	1970-71 Basketball BT Finalists (18-4) Basketball JR 1st place (16-5) Basketball SR ALL STAR- Frank Flanagan	1971-72 Basketball BT champs (12-0) Basketball JR champs (23-3) Basketball SR ALL STAR- John Melchiori
1972-73 Basketball BT Basketball JR Finalists (17-7) Basketball SR Semi Finalist ALL STARS- John Melchiori, Nabil Tadros	1973-74 Basketball BT Basketball JR Basketball SR Semi Finalist ALL STARS- Nabil Tadros, Brent Hubbard	1987-88 Basketball JR champs

Other championships in this era included Wrestling 71-72; 72-73, Hockey 76-77 Juniors, Gymnastics 76-77 and 78-79.



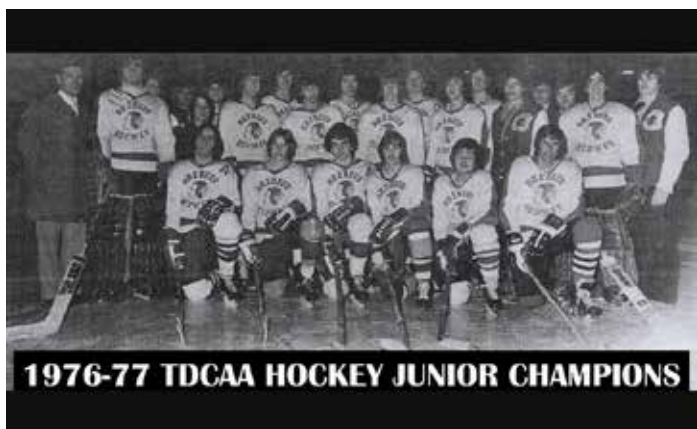
1964-65 TDCAA JUNIOR CHAMPIONS

Brebeuf's First Championship Team – 1964-65 Junior Basketball



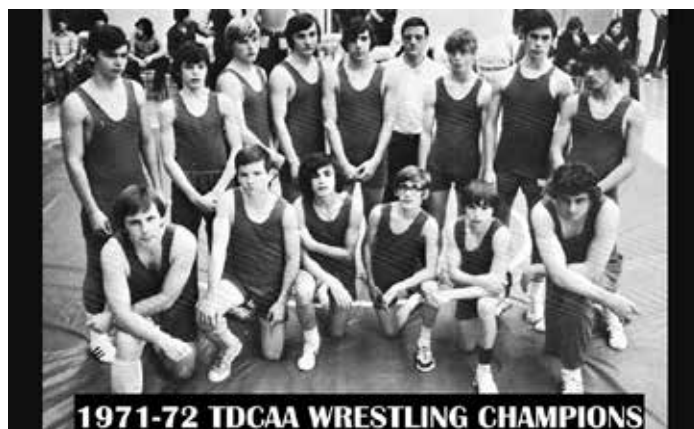
1968-69 TDCAA JUNIOR CHAMPIONS

1968-69 Undefeated Champions (26-0) – Junior Basketball



1976-77 TDCAA HOCKEY JUNIOR CHAMPIONS

1976-77 Jr. Hockey Champs lead by Head Coach Jim Barry



1971-72 TDCAA WRESTLING CHAMPIONS

Coach Kennedy lead the wrestling team to the 71-72 TDCAA title

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Brebeuf's Athletic Archives and Recognizing Our Sports Pioneers

Nabil has also compiled a list of Brebeuf athletes from those early decades that went on to compete in their sport at the college, university or professional level. Below are the names compiled to date but there likely are other alumni that can be added to these lists. Please forward any additional information to Nabil at nabilstados@gmail.com

1967 – Gord Burns (basketball) – York University	1969 – Mike Murphy (hockey) in the NHL with St. Louis & Los Angeles)	1971 – Larry Uteck – (football) Colorado State & Wilfrid Laurier University, in the CFL with Toronto, BC & Montreal
1971 – Mike Burkhardt, (hockey) - University of New Hampshire	1972 – Pat Tims, (hockey) Lake Superior State	1973 – John Melchiori (basketball), Laurentian University & Seneca College
1974 – John Brown & Oscar Fava (football), University of Toronto	1974 – Nabil Tadros (basketball), University of Toronto	1974 – Mark Bragagnolo (football), University of Toronto, CFL (Hamilton & Toronto)
1974 – Mike Tims (basketball) Guelph University	1976 – Chris Dal Cin (football), University of Toronto	1977 – Todd Binns (squash) – world ranked player
1979 – Mark Hubbard (basketball), York University	1979 – Frank Nuztenberger (gymnastics), York University & 1984 Olympic Team	

As part of the work Nabil Tadros has done in conjunction with Brebeuf Athletic Director **Brad Chin You '97**, the school is also recognizing many of its "sports pioneers" by renaming specific athletic trophies in honour of current and former staff and alumni. These awards include the following (with years at Brebeuf noted):

Senior Basketball MVP in honour of Sports Pioneers John Melchiori (1968-73) and Jim Hill (1972-89)	Junior Basketball MVP in honour of Sports Pioneers Fr, Jim Toppings, S.J. (1963-83), Clem Kambeitz (1965-70) and Peter Barbetta (1966-1970)	Soccer MVP in honour of Sports Pioneer Dan Di Rocco (1969-1981)
Tennis MVP in honour of Sports Pioneer Peter Lee (1965-1995)	Football MVP in honour of Sports Pioneers Clem Kambeitz (1965-70), Larry Uteck (1966-71) and Joe Will (1969 to 2003)	Hockey MVP in honour of Sports Pioneers Jim Barry (1963-95) and Mike Skebo (1965-1977)
Cross Country MVP in honour of Sports Pioneers Stan Kosior (1968-1995) and Larry Bobbett (1970-72)	Rugby MVP in honour of Sports Pioneers Greg Rogers (1981-92), Roman Turlo (1981-99) and Mark Burke (1987-04)	Track & Field MVP in honour of Sports Pioneers Bill Kennedy (1969-87) and Andy Boyd (1986-00)
Baseball MVP in honour of Sports Pioneer Paul Solariski (1985-2021)	Senior Athlete of the Year in honour of Sports Pioneer Bill Kennedy (1969-1987)	Junior Athlete of the Year in honour of Sports Pioneer Tom Sullivan (1963-1988)
Rookie of the Year in honour of Sports Pioneers Neil Gazeley (1963-91) and Richard Szpin (1969-1984)		



The 1969-70 football team lead by Joe Will & Clem Kambeitz featured future CFL player Larry Uteck '71



This championship team coached by Bill Kennedy featured future Olympian Frank Nutzenberger '79



The 1972-73 Brebeuf Senior basketball team lead by Coach Jim Hill



1973-74 Brebeuf Soccer team lead by Coach Dan Di Rocco

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Jesuit Infirmary René Goupil House

A message from Father Erik Oland, SJ, Provincial of the Jesuits of Canada

Greetings and abundant blessings to our friends at Brebeuf College School, especially during this challenging time of pandemic. As you may know, René Goupil House, the Jesuit infirmary in Pickering, Ontario had an outbreak of COVID-19 this spring and sadly seven Jesuits died.

Many of you may have been inspired by one or more of the Jesuits who are or who have spent their last days at René Goupil House.

René Goupil House was originally built as a retirement home and eventually became an infirmary. Due to this fact as well as more stringent regulations from the health authorities, the current facilities are in need of a significant upgrade in order to make the building compliant, safe and secure for the more than 20 Jesuits who live there.

Jesuit priests and brothers live in an active community as long as they are able to take care of themselves. The beauty of this is that you often have Jesuits in their 30s living with men in their 70s and 80s. When a Jesuit becomes infirm or loses his autonomy, the transition to a house of brother Jesuits is more practical than moving to a home where he may be the only Jesuit.

In a very rich way, René Goupil enables Jesuits to continue to fully participate in daily Mass, and remain part of the vowed, religious life to which they have pledged their own lives. In fact, they are missioned to pray specifically for the work of the Jesuits worldwide. The Jesuits of Canada have made the commitment that their aged and infirm brothers will be able to continue to live in a Jesuit community.

The required renovations at René Goupil House will be costly due to the regulatory requirements that are far more onerous today than they were pre-COVID. At present the renovation budget is close to one million dollars.

Please consider supporting the Jesuits at René Goupil, who have supported the faithful of God their whole lives, by contributing to this special appeal to renovate and renew our infirmary. Having a safe and secure home to live out their final days, where their ministry is to pray for us all, would be the best Christmas present any elderly Jesuit could pray for.

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Outdoor Classroom: A Room with a View

by Mich D'Angelo (Brebeuf staff member)

Editor's note : Brebeuf is building an outdoor classroom on the vacant lands on the north-west side of the property. Below is some background information on this endeavour as well as details as to how alumni can support this exciting new project.

Homo sapiens first evolved on the grasslands of East Africa; wide open spaces with plenty of food and natural resources for our species to thrive. Most of our day would have been spent outdoors breathing fresh air and getting plenty of movement. Now we spend most of our time indoors seated in a chair most likely staring at a screen. A sedentary lifestyle is closely associated with poor health and disease. We need to change that and for good reason.

Approximately 10,000 years ago the first humans arrived in North America. The first indigenous people became many nations, each with their own traditions and language. The Wendat people lived in what is now Ontario. They used canoes to fish the rivers and lakes and to trade goods with other nations, such as the Ojibwa and Iroquois. In the woodlands, they hunted deer and moose. They also became farmers planting corn, beans, and squash. When French missionaries first arrived in the 1600s, they gave them the name Huron. Jean de Brébeuf spent over 20 years with the Huron-Wendat people, learning their language and culture. Our outdoor classroom will be a place to learn about the natural and cultural history of the land and its indigenous people.

Everyone benefits from learning outdoors, especially young people. These benefits include : decreased stress levels and happier students, an improved immunological response to pathogens, increased retention rate for subject material and thus, better grades, improved communication skills, and a better understanding and appreciation of nature. Outdoor learning also supports the social, emotional, behavioural, and intellectual development of students.

Our school grounds has an abundance of mature trees and open spaces. The air under trees is cleaner as they filter pollutants and remove carbon dioxide from the air, making it an ideal environment for outdoor learning. Our outdoor classroom will be situated in the forested area, just west of the visitor parking lot. Tables and benches will provide plenty of workspace for students – whether it be for art, math, language, music, or scientific exploration. Easily accessible and highly visible from the main entrance, teachers and students will be keen to explore this outdoor space as they engage in the curriculum in new and exciting ways!

Young people need to move around freely as they explore their surroundings. They need a wide variety of learning experiences and opportunities to grow. This requires a format that is different from the traditional classroom. Our outdoor classroom will be dedicated to increasing quality time spent outdoors engaged in exploration and learning, helping others, and protecting the natural world.

Please Support our Outdoor Classroom!

It is our goal to create an outdoor learning space so students can explore their surroundings so they can learn outside of the traditional classroom. An outdoor classroom is essential to the well-being and success of our students. We hope that alumni will consider supporting this project with a generous donation. Our students are the future and they will become the leaders of tomorrow because of your commitment to their education.

You may contribute any amount you wish or you may choose to donate at the following suggested levels:

Gold Level Donation of \$1000

Silver Level Donation \$500

Bronze Level Donation of \$250

Supporter Level Donation of \$100

Thank you for supporting the Brebeuf community and our Outdoor Classroom. Your generosity will enrich the academic experience and lives of all Brebeufians and future generations!

Editor's note : The Brebeuf Alumni Association is pleased to support the Outdoor Classroom and we encourage all alumni to support this project. Why not get together with fellow alumni and pledge \$500 or \$1000 as a class gift or to honour a deceased classmate or a favourite teacher? Your donation will be recognised with an engraved plate on the desks in the outdoor classroom. Full details as to how you can support the Outdoor Classroom by making a financial contribution are listed on page 30. Donations can be made online or by cheque and are eligible for a tax receipt.

Special thanks to Mark Lavigne '80 who has been very helpful in supporting this project by arranging for the donation of a used canoe from Algonquin Outfitters to be used as the "desk" in the outdoor classroom. Thank you Mark!

2020 Order of Brebeuf Inductees

by Steve White '81, Chair, OSJB Selection Committee

The 2020 Order of Saint Jean de Brebeuf inductees will be formally recognized at celebrations to be held at Brebeuf on Sunday, April 18, 2021. The originally scheduled ceremony in October, 2020 had to be postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions. The celebrations will begin with a Mass held in the school chapel, followed by a luncheon and the formal induction ceremony.

The Order of Brebeuf, created by the Alumni Association in 2012, is the highest honour we can bestow on members of the Brebeuf community, and recognizes individuals (or groups) for their contributions to the various communities they serve. The Order recognizes the standards and values for which the school has always stood, namely:

- Faith
- Discipline
- Integrity
- Hard Work
- Humility
- Success
- The Pursuit of the Greater Good
- Community and for always being
"Men and Women for Others"

The current slate of inductees continues a new "tradition" at Brebeuf of recognizing our most selfless individuals and they join an impressive group of "Brebeufians" who have previously been inducted. The 2020 Inductees include the following :

- George Macri '69
- Tom McGouran '76
- Jim Morris '77 (posthumously)
- Nabil Tadros '74

George Macri '69

Since his graduation more than 50 years ago, George has been one of the most dedicated alumni of Brebeuf College School and has truly demonstrated what it means to be a "man for others". George has consistently supported Brebeuf through regular financial contributions and donations. Over the past thirty five years George has helped to recognize and honour some of Brebeuf's earliest faculty members by establishing academic awards and scholarships in the names of former teachers like O'Neil Gazeley, Lou Puccini and E.J. Barry.

Every time Brebeuf has run any kind of fundraising campaign George has contributed, whether it was for the "New Building Fund" campaign in 1999-2000 or the return of football in 2018. George is a stalwart attendee at all of the alumni events. Moreover, he is always the first person to offer items such as his own Leaf tickets to the silent auction or raffle at our annual pub nights and golf tournaments.

During the 50th Anniversary celebrations in 2013-14, George went out of his way to donate back to Brebeuf some very unique Jesuit artifacts that he had been able to acquire; he wanted them to be at Brebeuf as a tribute to the religious order that founded the school.

George makes his many contributions to Brebeuf very quietly and without any request for recognition or fanfare. In addition to his numerous financial contributions to Brebeuf, George has been a long standing supporter of The Jesuits of Canada and his community involvement goes far beyond Brebeuf. He has been a long time Board Member, donor and volunteer with the Providence Centre Health Care Foundation as well as with charitable organizations such as Cystic Fibrosis Canada, Camp Winston and the Amarok Society.

Jim Morris '77 (posthumously)

Jim Morris was the very definition of a "Man for Others". When the Brebeuf Alumni Association was formed in 1982, Jim was one of the founding members of the Alumni Executive committee. For years Jim helped to convene both the annual alumni hockey tournament and the alumni golf tournament. During Brebeuf's 25th Anniversary celebrations in 1988, Jim lead the creation of the Brebeuf Sports Hall of Fame and was responsible for researching many of the archives on display during those celebrations.

Jim served on the Alumni executive for over ten years and was always a very loyal Brebeufian who helped the school in numerous ways. Jim gave countless hours of his time and talent to helping his alma mater, always returning to Brebeuf to speak at Career Day, to help organize events or to help promote a story the school wanted covered in the media. When Brebeuf or one of its alumni needed his help, Jim was truly a man for others.

Even during his battle with cancer Jim continued to support Brebeuf, serving as one of the key organizers of the "Old School Alumni Reunion" in January, 2002. This event celebrated the closing of the original school building and marked the 25th Anniversary of the Junior Hockey Team's TDCAA Championship in 1977 (for which Jim served as the team manager & trainer). At this event Jim was recognized with Brebeuf's "Man for Others" Award for his tireless dedication over the previously 30 years.

After leaving Brebeuf in 1977 Jim attended Fanshawe College and then embarked on a lengthy career in radio, primarily with CKO News and 680 News in Toronto. While the demands of reporting on the Toronto police and fire beats was very stressful, Jim was always a complete professional and was recognized with numerous awards throughout his distinguished career. Following his death in March, 2002, the Brebeuf Alumni Association and Brebeuf College established the Jim Morris Journalism Award to the graduating student excelling in journalism and mass media studies at Brebeuf.

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2020 Order of Brebeuf Inductees

Tom McGouran '76

Tom McGouran is one of the most positive and caring people that you are ever going to meet. He grew up with five brothers and attended St. Gabriel's Parish. He attended Brebeuf in grades nine and ten and then went to Earl Haig for grade eleven. He met Neil Gazely in the summer who said, "McGouran, what the hell are you doing at Earl Haig." Tom returned to Brebeuf for his final two years of high school.

Tom has pursued a career in broadcasting for the past forty-one years. Because of his position he has had the advantage and pleasure to use this platform and recognition to help out many worthwhile causes, organizations and charities. Tom has led a live radio-a-thon which broadcasts for three days straight for the past 20+ years to raise funds and awareness for organizations in need. Those include The Salvation Army, The Christmas Cheer board of Winnipeg, Winnipeg Harvest and Siloam Mission. These programs have raised tens of thousands of dollars for the less fortunate.

Tom has also organized a radio-a-thon for Cancer Care Manitoba after the death of his radio partner's wife. He has since MC'd a "battle of the bands" for Cancer Care Manitoba for the past seven years.

Tom has been the event director of Play 4 on 4 ball hockey tournament held annually that includes 350 teams to benefit charities such as The United Way, True North Youth Foundation and The Movement Center of Winnipeg (a charity that helps all with mobility issues.)

Other organizations that have benefitted from Tom's generosity include The Winnipeg Humane Society, The Children's Rehabilitation Center, Ride for Dad (fight against prostate cancer), Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, Big Brothers and Sisters of Winnipeg, Never Alone Foundation, Children's Wish Foundation and A and O Services for Older Adults.

Your Invitation

We encourage everyone to attend the Order of Saint Jean de Brebeuf celebrations at Brebeuf on Sunday, April 18, 2021 (subject to COVID 19 restrictions on group gatherings being lifted).

Information on how to purchase tickets and sponsorship opportunities can be found at www.orderofbrebeuf.com

Nabil Tadros '74

Nabil has truly lived his life as a "man for others" as a teacher, coach, volunteer and as a dedicated alumnus of Brebeuf. Nabil has been an exemplary community leader, a dedicated mentor to many of his students and a true champion of the underprivileged in so many ways.

Below are excerpts from two of the letters supporting Nabil's nomination :

"Any time Nabil can lend a hand to help others, he does. A few years ago in the midst of the refugee crisis, Nabil helped find shelter and work for refugees that arrived here with nothing but their families and hope for a better future... Over 25 years ago he travelled back to his home country, Egypt. Seeing the poverty there, he decided to help, so for the last 25 years, he has been taking students, friends and others to visit Egypt with him and in the process brings hockey bags and suitcases full of clothes to an orphanage. These children actually look forward to him coming to Egypt because he brings them happiness. We take things for granted here, but taking these children to a MacDonald's for a treat is the highlight of their year"

(Submitted by Oscar Fava '74)

"I've had the distinct honour to work with and know Nabil Tadros on a personal and professional level for the past 27 years... and have been consistently mesmerized with Nabil's philanthropic work in our local communities and in Egypt. Nabil's dedication to excellence in education and coaching is unmatched. His diligence in providing hope to others, his commitment to serving the greater community is extensive. Nabil has provided free sports camps and opportunities to children in financial need and has provided unparalleled commitment to coaching high school Basketball and Tennis along with being the Head Coach of the University of Toronto's Men's and Women's Tennis teams for over 25+ years. His ability to make those less fortunate around him feel blessed and hopeful and his willingness to always help others is the true definition of "Man of Others".

(Submitted by Margaret Papageorge).

Congratulations to the 2020 Inductees to the Order of St. Jean de Brebeuf

Call for Order of Brebeuf Nominations

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

Nominations will be accepted until January 31, 2021. If you would like to nominate a member of the Brebeuf community (student, alumnus, current or former staff, parent or friend of the school) or if you have any questions, please contact:

Steve White '81 at 416-560-3700 or swhite.62@live.com, **Michael Rogers '81** at 416-819-6101 or michaelr.rogers62@gmail.com or **Mike Da Costa '92** at 416-393-5508 or michael.dacosta@tcdsb.org. We will then follow up for further details.

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Where Are They Now?

We invite all alumni to send in news and notes on classmates and themselves.
Please email those details to brebeufalumni@yahoo.com

Alumni in the Priesthood

Fr. Larry Leger '82 forwarded this update :

At the end of June, 2019 I was moved from Holy Family Parish in Bolton, to St. Mary's Parish in Barrie. In my 27 years as a priest, I have always served in parishes in cities/towns that begin with "B"! Brampton, Bradford, Bolton and now Barrie! Having graduated from Brebeuf – I suppose that is most appropriate! St. Mary's is a wonderful Parish, set on a beautiful forested property within minutes of Barrie City Hall.

Notes from Alumni Abroad

Adam Craig '09 is a hardware engineer for Apple in Stanford, California.

Jeffrey Mok '03 is a lawyer in New York and was named a 2020 Rising Star by the New York Law Journal.

James Rowland '83 is the Manager International Government Relations at Ford Motor Company in Washington, D.C.

Gregory Wlodarek '13 is a Software Engineer at MongoDB in New York.

Derek Ku '99 is a V.P. at Goldman Sachs in San Francisco.

Ronald Victorino '07 is an Android developer at Memrise in London, England.

Timothy Keir '05 lives in Tokyo and works as a manager and chef for a small café called Kivikitchen. He notes that "we specialize in western style food and cater to the foreign population living in Tokyo. Living in such an amazing place has been an eye opening experience. I have yet to even get the basics of speaking the language down. I am still proud to be a Brebeuf alumnus and I'm still in contact with other grads from Brebeuf.

Re-Chard Alexander '11 is a TD Bank Store Manager, Boston.

Update from Ecuador

Jonathan Carroll '95 sends this update from Ecuador :

"I'm a certified personal and professional transformation coach helping motivated leaders and teams to look inward so they can feel more fulfilled, quiet negative voices and achieve more towards their life purpose and personal and professional goals. My approach is tailored to each individual. Clients achieve desired results in as little as three months and often choose to engage for longer as they uncover more areas for fine-tuning and support from a coach. You can find out more at tidaltransformation.com. I'm still in contact with many of my fellow Brebeuf graduates from the class of '95 and I'm continually inspired by their many and varied accomplishments!

Alumni Updates

Jad Badine '98 is the co-owner and V.P. Sales at Mr. O Supply, a industrial products distributor.

Justin Chen '14 is a student in the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Toronto.

Jason Cheung '13 is a Business Analyst, GTA General Tax at KPMG Canada.

Sean Dann '02 is living in Calgary where he is a General Manager for Drill Hub Inc.

Ryan De Menconca '04 is a Manager for Tax Reporting at the Bank of Nova Scotia.

James Jacobs '91 is CEO and Founder of Ziva Dynamics in Vancouver.

Derek Ishak '02 has been appointed a Justice to the Ontario Court of Justice

Paul Kortenaar (former staff) has returned from the US to be CEO of the Ontario Science Centre.

Kyle Kowalenko '03 is a Senior Financial Analyst at MCAP. He is also an Infantry Sergeant with the 48th Highlanders of Canada.

Mario Lo Franco '14 – after completing his BAH in Philosophy at Queens, Mario is now in his 2nd year of a joint JD/MBA program at York University.

Andrew Manning '93 is a V.P. Business Growth at Sun Life.

Dr. Matias Mariani '97 is a clinical psychologist and neuropsychologist in Sudbury and an Assistant Professor at the Northern Ontario Medical School in Sudbury.

Paolo Massaro '92 is Executive Director, Infrastructure & Engineering Services at City of Richmond Hill.

Daniele Montanaro '95 is a teacher with the TCDSB.

Jacob Reis-Bertini '10 is a pre-sales engineer with Teknicor Corporation in Woodbridge.

Steve Salibian '88 is a customer communications copywriter at Air Canada.

Vito Scalisi '85 is a lawyer in Concord, Ontario.

Dr. Maurice (Jay) John Smith '67 - Is retiring to Victoria BC effective Dec '20. He will be ad hoc Professor of Psychology at University of Victoria effective Spring Term '21.

Enzo Sorgente '94 has been with the Ontario Public Service for 20 years and is currently a Senior Manager in the Ministry of Finance. He is married with 4 kids and lives in Richmond Hill.

Bryan Uba '88 is a Manager of Commercial Affairs at Actelion.

Michael Yong '11 is a primary-junior teacher with the TCDSB.

Where Were They Seen?

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



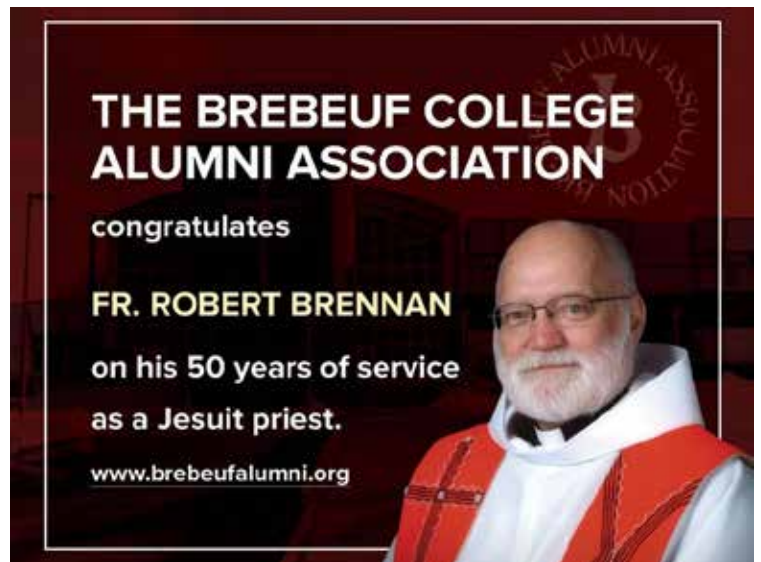
Chinedu Ezemenari '00 is a Management and Operations Consultant working with manufacturing, production and distribution firms. He is also owner of his own custom tailored menswear brand (C.E. Clothier), specializing in suits, shirts and other formalwear. He has outfitted several Brebeuf Alumni for weddings and other special occasions. In the photo above he is seen outfitting one of the Toronto Maple Leafs.



Rick Berenz '78 receives the inaugural Greater Toronto Award from Susan Hay of Global News Toronto for his many years of volunteer leadership of the Toronto Firefighters Annual Toy Drive. Also pictured is Rick's son Geoff who has taken over the coordination of the toy drive from Rick.



On October 3, **Paul Bar '79** (right) was ordained as a Permanent Deacon by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto. As part of the Ordination, Paul is receiving the Book of the Gospels.



Fr. Rob 'Padre' Brennan taught at Brebeuf from 1979-1986. He is currently the President of Loyola High School in Montreal

Alumni Golf Classic 2020

76 alumni, Retired staff & friends of Brebeuf gathered at Sleepy Hollow on September 17th for the annual Brebeuf Alumni Golf Classic. Due to Covid 19, this year's tournament was moved from July to September. The pent up demand among attendees to be able to actually get out and attend a golf event during the pandemic was clearly evident in the strong turnout from regular attendees and from alumni making their first appearance at this annual event.

While this year's event featured format changes to keep everyone safe and socially distant, a great time on the links was had by all, with alumni attendees representing graduating years from 1971 all the way up to 2015. In the team competition, the team from 1981 consisting of John Mullally '81, Brett Tanner '81, Mike Tynan '81 and John Younder '81 took home the championship with a score of 12 under par, just edging out the 1987 contingent of Mike Benoit '87, Tony Long '87, Craig Metzger '87 & Nick Thadaney '87. Third place was won by Ken Abbott '81, Bryon Di Sera '81, Steve McHale '81 and Mike Yates '81.

In the individual competitions, the winners included :

Longest Drive on Hole 11 – Luke Pasquale '07

Closest to the Pin on Hole 6 – Tariq Rangwala '01

Closest to the Pin on Hole 3 – Mike Yates '81

Closest to the Pin on Hole 3 – Paul Fujiwara '79

Closest to the Pin on Hole 8 – Dennis Tobin '79

Closest to the Pin on Hole 3 – Dan Walshe '73

A hotly contested putting contest ended in a three way tie among Nick Thadaney '87, Jamie Tobin '09 and John Younder '81.

With all teams playing the scramble format this year including the Jonathan Page/Michael Koor group from 1993, Mike Koor '93 retains his crown as "Most Honest Golfer" for another year and looks forward to defending his title in 2021.

The Brebeuf Alumni Association greatly appreciates the support of all alumni, former staff and friends of Brebeuf who came out to golf during the pandemic. Details regarding the 2021 tournament will be announced in the new year.

Special thanks to our golf sponsors :



The Champions – Team 1981 – Brett Tanner, Mike Tynan, John Mullaly & John Younder



Team 1987 – 2nd Place - Tony Long, Nick Thadaney, Craig Metzger & Mike Benoit

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Joe Domotor '80, Joe Caruso '80, Rob Pellegrini '80
and Patrick Pellegrini



Brent Tobin '07, Kevin Gillette '07 (modelling the Brebeuf
hockey jersey), Luke Pasquale '07 and Jamie Tobin '09



The Young Guns : Bailey Cruz '15, Lucas Latina '15,
Matt Brook '15 and Declan Gouveia '15



Bill O'Rourke '75, Dan Walshe '73, Pat Ryan '75
and Bryan Black '75



Paul Barreca '76, Paul Doherty '76, Jim Gatto '76
and Sam Mantenuto '76



John Wren '83, Mike Wren '75, Nora Oulahan
and Paul Oulahan '75

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Larry Lancefield '75, Paul MacDonald '75, Ellen MacGrath and Mike Hart '72



Chris McLennan '85, Robert Hennebury '85, Michael Koor '93 and Jonathan Page '93



Mike Rowe '86, Mike Caruso '85, George Longo '86 and Bryan Duarte '86



Brian Carney, Sandro Morassutti '92, Brian O'Neill '92 and Owen O'Neill



Retired Brebeuf staff John Murphy '81, Dina Orlando and Michael Rogers '81



Retired Brebeuf staff Paul Adams '71, Rosemary Lavery, Mario De Thomasis and Ernes Lena

Alumni News

Attention Class of 1970 Alumni

Michael Poole & Chuck Pusateri are planning a 50th reunion for the Class of 1970. Due to Covid 19, the event will be held in 2021 in the GTA - Details coming soon.

1970's alumni are encouraged to email Michael and Chuck at michaelpoole8@gmail.com with their address (or general location), phone number and whether they are interested in attending.

If they are unable to attend, a note of hello would be nice.

As always, if you know the whereabouts of an alumnus, please forward these details to Michael and Chuck.

Alumni Advertisers

Many thanks to the Alumni who have purchased ads in this newsletter in support of the Alumni Association, including several alumni who have bought ads in many successive newsletters. We encourage you to support their businesses. Thanks to all of these alumni listed below and to the Jesuits:

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In Memoriam

Please pray for the following members of the Brebeuf family who passed away between January 2020 and December 2020



Alumni

- John Clarke '71 brother of Patrick '82 and Fintan '86
- Mark Collins '71, brother of David '70 and brother-in-law of Andrew MacDonald '73
- Tom Meagher '83
- Dan Nicholson '68, brother of Len '67
- Mark Irish '70, brother of Paul '72 and David '78 and brother-in-law of Greg Rogers '72
- Anthony O'Brien '78, brother of Vince '83

Relatives of Alumni & Staff

- Hacik Boyaci, father of Aret '93 and Ari '04
- Charles Chambers, father of Brian '92
- Sean Doyle, husband of Phylis (former staff) and father of Michael '79 (former staff)
- Anne Guy, mother of Eric '82 (staff) and former teacher at SJMP
- Mrs. Hawa, mother of Fred '73
- Mr. Janik, father of Andrew '78
- Carmel Keenan, mother of Monsignor Owen Keenan '91
- Mrs. Kelly, mother of Herb '72, Pat '83 and Michael '85
- John Lavin, father of Paul Lavin '82
- Guy Leblanc, father of Tony '80 and Mike '82
- Jim Low, father of Jim (Jamie) Low '82

Former Staff

- Don Clattenburg
- Andrew Famiglietti
- Lou Martelli

- Betty MacDonald, mother of Jim '79 and sister of the late Fr., Edward Dowling, S.J.
- Jacqueline Macri, daughter of George Macri '69
- Ben Martin, father of Iona (staff)
- James L. McGovern, father of Jim '81 and Paul '92 and father-in-law of Barry McInerney '81
- Frances McHale, mother of Steve '81
- Dr. Neil Munro, father of Steve '81 and Drew '82
- Dr. John Shea, father of Peter '77, Dan '78, and Greg '79 and father-in-law of Frank Marsiglio '79
- Augustyn Kuszneruk, Father of Anna Cydejko (staff)



Memorial Tributes

M. Anthony O'Brien '78

Tony passed away peacefully at his home recently from complications related to CMT (Charcot Marie Tooth). He was a devoted husband, father, brother, grandfather, son, uncle and true friend. He will be missed dearly by his loving family – who described him as the keystone of the family – a man filled with generosity who dedicated his life to the happiness of those who surrounded him. He worked tirelessly to support and provide for his family and to spoil his wife Lesley, their children and especially his 3 grandchildren. Among his 3 sibs is younger brother Vince – fellow Brebeuf alumnus ('83).

He was known by his parents as Anthony, more recently as Tony – we in his Brebeuf crowd knew him affectionately as Bruntz. Through our 5 years as Class of '78 and for many years since we have stayed tight and Bruntz was always in the middle – with his great sense of humour and quick wit.

Anthony came to Brebeuf with the St Gabe's crewenjoyed his Brebeuf years playing on the basketball teams, hockey in the surrounding leagues and being one of the most social guys in the class. We have had the pleasure to recently reminisce on our stories when Bruntz and a few of us (Andy Janik most notable) called a 'Club 60' class reunion downtown – where close to 60 attended to celebrate our milestone birthday – with our Grade 9 yearbook photos as our name tags. Given Bruntz's passing we all have considered that event and the ensuing zoom calls as huge good fortune as we all were transported back in time to our youth and swapped many tall tales. Bruntz remained throughout the one with the best memory for details about relationships, what happened at that party, where are they now.

Tony graduated from Western and then had a very successful professional life as an insurance exec. From all circles, he was known to be selfless and always there to lend a hand. He coached many teams across many sports through the years.... mentored many small businesses related to his work.

Anthony was a sports loving guy ... a regular in our golf foursome (Arnie Teolis, myself and many fourths including Phil Horgan '80). He was a fan and went to many games – although most of the time to watch the Leafs and praise the Habs. Bruntz was a great listener and always upbeat which made him a favourite to be around. Above all else Tony was a family man and leaves behind a legacy of caring, kindness and selfless love.

He will be deeply missed and never forgotten.

On behalf of 'Club 60' Class of '78 - Pat Horgan '78, Andy Janik '78, Arnie Teolis '78



The original Brebeuf chapel at 211 Steeles Avenue East.
At this time of year we remember all deceased members of the Brebeuf community.

Memorial Tributes

Mark Collins '71

By Sean Cosgrove '71, seancosgrove4@gmail.com

I first met Mark Collins as a rival in elementary football. Later, attending Brebeuf together in 1966, we were loyal to Ojibwa house. We became friends for life at lunchroom Table Five with a gang of rebel youth not fitting in with Jesuit expectations during the Heights of Hippiedom.

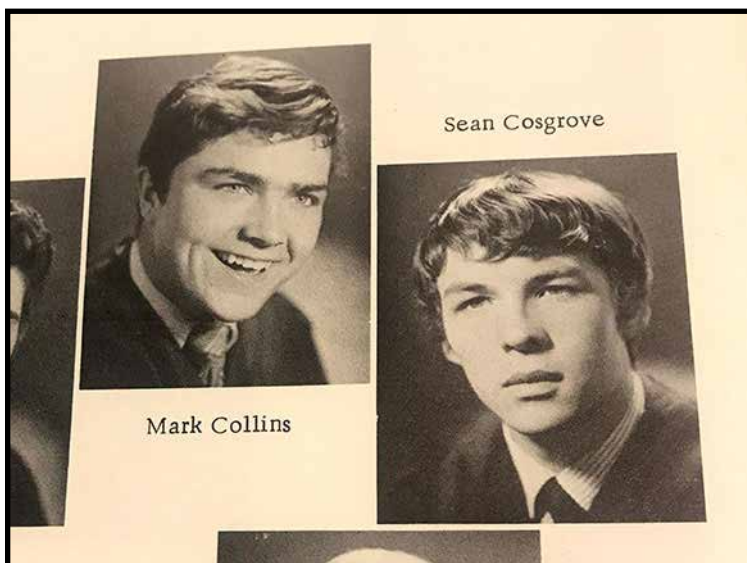
Mark came with a large and fun family including brother Dave and multi-sisters. Stories were never in short supply; some were of the giant transmission towers his Dad designed and sold. He was scintillatingly smart in all ways, with a prodigious memory, coming first in most subjects. Last year he told me that he never did any home work! Handsome, charming with a wry sense of humour, I sure was jealous in Grade 11 when it became clear he had the golden hands of a born wood craftsman, building his first dulcimer.

When Mark and I got to Jr. and Varsity football, we shared the same position. Talking through the game with this brilliant competitor, analyst, tactician, he gave the game readout in present time. Teammate! He played basketball and other sports also. Mark ran for Brebeuf Student President, just coming up short in a tumultuous struggle. He never stopped sharing his valuable insight and counsel to the Student Council and the Catholic Student Federation in those heady times.

Off he went to Kings' College, Western with Table Fivers Rob O'Toole, Fred Oulahan and many Brebeuf alum, where he brought future brother-in-law Wally Lewicki into the fold. After graduating and a stint at The Hydro, carpentry and woodworking became his career. Laid back, fun and greatly enjoying all aspects of life, his perfectionism in quality work was legendary.

We stayed in touch despite my sojourns in the West. Around 1980 he and Larry Uteck decamped for Collingwood to renovate a house. The Wardell brothers, Paul, Bob and Mike were not far behind. Mark, skiing, golfing and banging nails, never returned to the Big Smoke. It was also where in 1987 Mark met and married the love of his life, Christine Leach whom he had hired to cook when he managed the Squash club in Collingwood. They made a dynamic duo, moving to Meaford, where Christine's Kitchen cafe became a hub. You can still see his renovation work there. By this time much of Clan Collins was in residence in the area, greatly increasing the population of Southern Georgian Bay.

Mark had health challenges for many years with his diabetes and did not expect to live as long as he did. His love for Christine mandated that he had to stick around through a storm of shocks. With her help Mark would recover. I saw him rewire that rocket fuel mind at least twice, using the crosswords and other mega puzzles of course. Beware also his letters to the editor of the Owen Sound Sun Times. Then back to woodshop, golf course, cross-country trail and travel. The Atlas was never far from his hands.



It was a dream come true that in the last four years of his life, Christine and he found and summered in a beautiful Manitoulin Island cottage. Golfing on a prosthetic by this time, he really was home and happy.

I can never forget Mark giving the important touching eulogy for our friend Larry Uteck in Halifax with 1,500 souls in attendance. Soon after he and Christine became like Aunt and Uncle to our daughter Laura, and Mary Lynn and I are so glad she knew of his loyalty, bravery, caring, guidance, genius and love of people and life. He let his light shine and I thank him for it.

Goodbye brother.

Editor's note : Mark Collins and Sean Cosgrove became life-long friend after meeting at Brebeuf. Their pictures were side by side fifty years ago in the Echon, Brebeuf's yearbook.

Memorial Tributes

Mark Irish '70

By Paul Irish '72

I can still remember my first day at Brebeuf in September, 1967. I got up extra early and - after showering - donned my brown blazer, grey flannels, white shirt, grey and red striped tie and black shoes. I was nervous as hell and just needed a bit of reassurance that everything was going to be fine. That's where my big brother Mark stepped in.

He was starting Grade 11 and - to him - this was just another school day. We walked down Blue Ridge Road - with our dad taking home movies - and jumped on the packed Sheppard bus, got off to take the Bayview bus and finally got off at Newton Drive where we walked a complicated network of streets to get to the school - making sure we didn't track in any "North York Gumbo" as Father Meagher would often call the muck in the fields we would walk through.

We arrived to a huge assembly and I was assigned to my class ... but Mark pretty well navigated me through the entire day checking in to make sure I was alright.

Mark passed away Feb. 2 of this year due to an array of illnesses that he fought bravely for too long. He's gone but he was such a strong character his family and friends have a treasure trove of memories.

Mark was a proud Huron in the school's intramural sports league - but his true love was writing. He was a regular contributor to The B with scores of poems he would craft at home, in his spares and even during his regular classes. His love of the written word would send him off to York University where he obtained a degree in English Literature.

After that it was off to Seneca College for a three-year diploma in marketing. Mark loved the arts but he was also very practical and realized poetry and music wouldn't pay the bills. He became involved in the North American steel industry and sold product in both the US, Canada, Mexico and even Europe.

He worked hard ... but still had time to explore the museums of Europe and in 1979 even visited Afghanistan before most people knew where Afghanistan was. He held seasons ticket to the Toronto Symphony, ballet and opera. He was the lead singer of a Willowdale based rock band, an avid squash player and a regular participant in a summer hockey league as well as coaching one of the teams.

In his mid 50s Mark left the steel industry due to mounting health issues and spent most of his time researching local history. He wrote about myriad topics including his beloved Maple Leafs, The War of 1812 and even explored Toronto's amalgamation and what it meant to the average Torontonians. He spent countless hours at city hall participating in symposiums and seminars and would post his findings - along with his regular history column - to Facebook. He had a huge following.

Mark eventually started a "walking tour" company where he would guide people through the streets of Toronto pointing out the many points of interest that make up the fabric of the city.

Unfortunately, his health prevented him from pursuing the tours and he relegated himself to Facebook. Mark never married but was proud of the small army of nieces and nephews he talked about constantly.

Mark spent the last three years of his life with me and my family and it's reassuring to know he was in a loving supportive environment. We talked a lot, laughed a lot and still cheered on the constantly struggling Leafs as we tuned in all the games.

We all miss you, Mark. Peace.



Memorial Tributes

Tom Meagher '83

By Mike Cairoli '80, Mike Cartan '82 and Greg Smee '82

We were all truly saddened and in disbelief when we first heard the tragic news of Tom Meagher passing away from a heart attack on January 26th, 2020.

He was a friend to many and an enemy to no one. Although Tom could portray a gruff and hardened exterior at times, he was actually a man of true compassion, honesty and unbridled loyalty. Tom could give you a wake up smack with one hand and at the same time a hug of support with the other. If you needed Tom he was there for you. Whether it be moving around town or around the province, home renovations or just someone to talk to, Tom would be there for you – and yet never once did he ask for help in return or a favour repaid. If you showed up on his doorstep unannounced he would invite you in, no questions asked, and offer you a drink, a chair and a friendly ear.

Tom was an avid sportsman, outdoorsman and an environmental steward. His weekends were filled with fishing, hiking, going to the family cottage, playing hockey or volunteering to ensure wildlife preservation and sustainable fish habitats wherever he lived. Tom had a wide circle of friends and family and enjoyed a healthy discussion on a range of topics over a few beers or a cup of tea.

We miss you buddy, rest in peace.



Don Clattenburg - Former Teacher and Vice Principal

By Peter Lee

I had the good fortune to work with Don during both of his stints at Brebeuf, as a teacher colleague,

Monday night ball hockey teammate, travel companion on student excursions and latterly as a fellow

Vice Principal on the Admin. team.

To suggest that he was a good teacher would be an understatement. Don was a superior pedagogue who dealt with his students in a firm but fair manner. Put plainly, he "knew his stuff." His famous after school obligatory work sessions were testament to his care and demand that all his students, like it or not, were pushed to succeed.

As an administrator, he brought knowledge, experience, competence and an attention to detail not seen in other administrators with whom I worked. It was a pleasure to work with such a collegial supportive person- thus a united set of expectations were in play with all the students in our charge.

His command of the language both oral, and especially written, was a wonder to behold. I learned much from observing Don in action. Anyone in possession of a letter of reference or a humorous satirical missive written by him will readily attest to his great skills as a writer.

No depiction of Don would be complete without mention of his impish, mischievous side which expressed itself in the many playful pranks colleagues fell victim to at the least expected moment

Legion is the number of people who will or will not admit to having fallen prey to his pranks, which often brought a welcomed pause and fun relief to what could be a busy, stressful day in a school of over twelve hundred young boys.

Don, in my opinion, would have been a fine Principal. However, he remained true to his standards and always spoke truth to power; accordingly, he did not abide insincerity or hypocrisy with indifference.

The Brebeuf Community - staff students, and parents were the beneficiaries of his hard work, dedication

And genuine concern that the school be a place of quality learning. I will always be grateful for the leadership and friendship that he offered me in our time together.

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Memorial Tributes

Dan Nicholson '68

By Len Nicholson '67

My brother Dan passed away suddenly of a stroke April 28, 2020.

Dan was a dedicated teacher starting his career in education in 1971 at Our Lady of the Assumption Elementary School where he taught for 17 memorable years. In 1988 he moved to St. Michael's College School where he taught English for the next 14 years. Dan loved being in the classroom and was always focussed on his student's learning and success. In addition, Dan loved anything to do with sports and while at St. Mike's he coached hockey, football and volleyball. In 2002, Dan's dedication to his students was recognized as he was given the distinction of delivering the grade 12 Graduation address. Dan also developed an interest in photography. He not only took pictures of school events but provided invaluable research on photos of the school's famous graduates among them many former Maple Leafs. He was a member of the Society for International Hockey Research and many former NHLers and Hockey Hall of Fame staff have expressed condolences. Dan had also retired in 2016 from the Knights Hockey Association after 35 years as the longest serving referee.

After retiring from teaching Dan pursued his interest in photography and for almost 20 years he provided quality photos through his business "Dan Nicholson Photography." Dan also loved buying and selling sports memorabilia and travelled to shows throughout Ontario making many new friends along the way. In his teaching career as well as in his sports interests he developed a reputation for being honest, reliable and a man of integrity.

It is a tribute to Dan that since his passing we have heard from many of his friends, former colleagues and relatives whose recollections and impressions of him have been a consolation to his 91 year old mother, myself and his children, who lovingly held their father's hands and were there with him at the end of his life. He will be sorely missed.



Andrew Famiglietti - Former Staff

Andrew passed away in May, 2020 after a courageous battle with congenital heart disease.

Andrew graduated from St. Michael's College School and then earned his BA from the University of Ottawa. He began his career teaching math and science at Brebeuf in the late 1960's and early 1970's. After several years at Brebeuf, Andrew moved to Barrie and began teaching at Barrie North Collegiate and then at Eastview Secondary School, retiring after 33 years.

Throughout his tenure Andrew was admired by students and colleagues alike for his extraordinary dedication, engagement and wit.



Lou Martelli - Former Staff

By Michael Da Costa '92

Lou Martelli was a dedicated mathematics and economics teachers in his years at Brebeuf.

His "Martelli Method" of mathematics was legendary among his students. He had high standards that challenged students to do their very best. He was also a soccer coach much admired by his players. In addition to his teaching duties, he was for a time the staff representative for the Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association and known for his dedication and passion in defending teachers' interests.

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Alumni Pub Night

Doors open at 7 pm.

Cash Bar, Silent Auction and Raffle

All proceeds will support Brebeuf College
and the Brebeuf Alumni Association

Sunday, April 18th, 2021

**Order of St. Jean de Brebeuf
Induction Ceremony**

11:00 am Mass, 12:00 am Lunch

1:00 pm: Order of Brebeuf Presentations

\$55.00 / person, \$400.00 / table of 8

For further details please visit www.brebeufalumni.org or contact Frank MacGrath '82 fmacgrath@gtigolf.com or
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Brebeuf Past and Present



While Brebeuf College remains at its original address at 211 Steeles Avenue east, the school campus has changed greatly since the school opened in 1963. On the left is a photo of original Brebeuf building as seen from the driveway leading up from Steeles Avenue. On the right is photo of the current school building (opened in 2004)

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Presentation Brothers' Spirit And Legacy At Brebeuf

by Michael Da Costa '92

As an alumnus of Brebeuf under the Presentation Brothers, I feel a strong sense of pride to have been taught by and associated with these men of faith. While many Brothers have lived and worked at Brebeuf, the two that stand out most in their involvement are: Brother Lawrence Maher, who was principal from 1984 to 1996; and Brother Henry Spencer, who began teaching in 1984 and though retired by 1998, continued to volunteer daily until this past year. The Brothers are very humble though and will not brag about their accomplishments or influence. So, this is what I see as the spirit they leave at Brebeuf. Like the Jesuits, they are one of the lungs whose influence has breathed the spirit of Christ into our school in a special way. We are lucky to be a part of this worldwide network of Presentation Schools in the Edmund Rice tradition.

Devotion to Mary, Our Lady of the Presentation

Every day, we pray to Mary, our Mother, under the title of Our Lady of the Presentation, from which the order derives its name. Mary plays a prominent role in the spirituality of the Brothers and their schools. The Angelus, recited daily, began under the Brothers, as did the Prayer to the Queen of Heaven every May. The promotion of the rosary is evident too.

Care for the Poor and Charity in the Spirit of Edmund Rice

The Brothers always seem to care for the poor and neglected in our midst. This stems from the work of Blessed Edmund Rice, their Founder, who started schools for poor boys in Ireland in the 19th century. When Brother Maher was principal, there was never a student without a uniform, or a student who missed out on trips because of a lack of ability to pay. A strong sense of commitment to the poor in our society and beyond also comes through in charities like Can-Aid and raising money for the missions in Africa.

Commitment to Academic Excellence

The Jesuits, our founding religious order, are rightly credited for setting the high academic standards of the school to prepare students well for university and for life. The Presentation Brothers continued that tradition of excellence while offering programmes for students who might not be university-bound. All of God's children are welcome in their schools. Wherever they are found in the world, there is an academic prestige to the Presentation Brothers' institutions that rank among the best.

Wholistic Development of the Mind, Body, and Soul

Brebeuf under the Presentation Brothers has never been just about the classroom. Sports and clubs and activities that develop the mind, body, and spirit are integral parts of the Brebeuf experience.

Total Commitment to Students and Staff as Family

Brothers dedicated their whole lives to the mission of Brebeuf. They were often the first to arrive in the morning and the last to leave in the evening. Brother Maher created a wonderful sense of family in the staff and students through generosity, attention, and celebration. Brother Spencer makes everyone feel special, as if you are the most important person in the world to him when he is speaking to you. We have been blessed.

Please feel free to share your thoughts on the legacy of the Presentation Brothers at Brebeuf College School.



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Old School Building Colour Print

Derrick Chow '00 has created a beautiful illustration print of the old Brebeuf building. You can purchase one for your home or office or for a brother or friend! Proceeds will go to the school via the Alumni Association and the Jesuit Infirmary for older Jesuits in Pickering.

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Robert Lato '68	Fr. J. Winston Rye, S.J.
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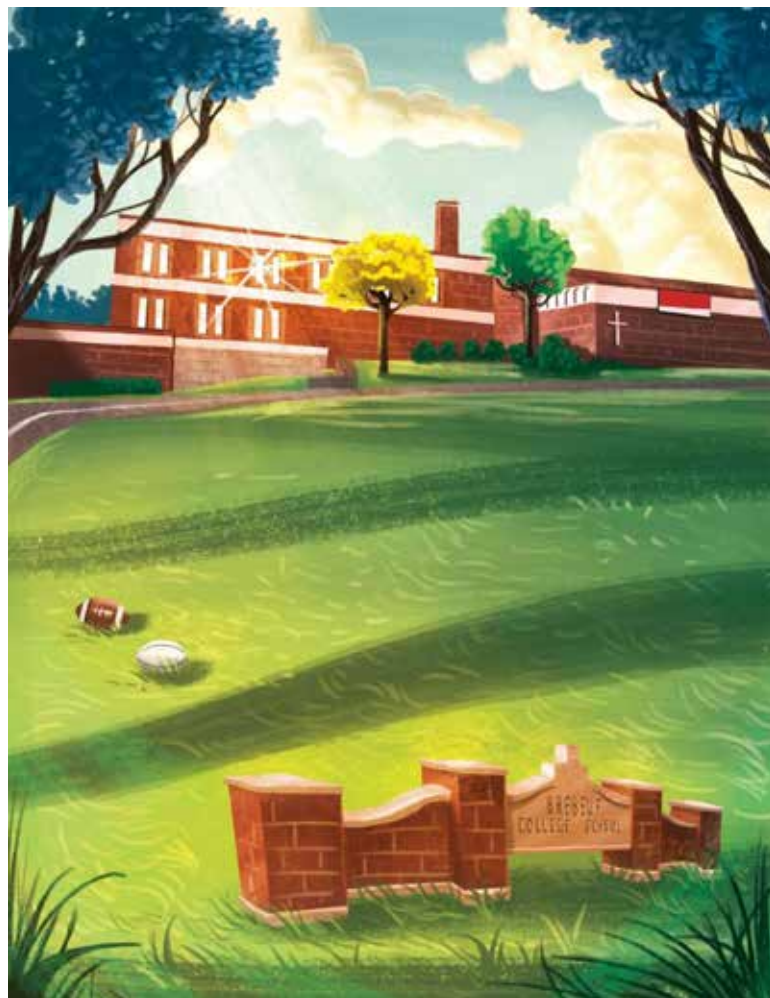
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Below are two different pledge cards for supporting the Football program or to make a donation to Brebeuf College School and direct your contribution to a variety of programs.

A new option for 2020-2021 is to make the donation online. Donations can now be made using the link from the school website. Please use the "School Donation" option to receive an automatic tax receipt.

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