

## Brebeuf's 60th Anniversary

Brebeuf College School will celebrate its 60th Anniversary in 2024. The 60th Anniversary Organizing Committee is comprised of Brebeuf staff, parents, alumni and student representatives. Lead by co-chairs Cristina Martins (CSPC) and Marc Vittorio '01, this group is currently finalizing plans for a school wide celebration tentatively planned for the first weekend in May

As of this publication date, the plans for this weekend tentatively include:

### Friday May 3rd:

- We hope to have an Alumni Reunion at Brebeuf, subject to approval from the TCDSB. Further details will be announced early in the new year.

### Sunday May 5th:

- 10:00 AM - special 60th Anniversary Mass in the Atrium
- 11:00 AM - Anniversary remarks & presentations
- 12:00 Noon – BBQ hosted by the CSPC (Parents' Council)
- 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM – Open House & Student Performances

Further details will be announced early in the new year. We would welcome inquiries from any alumni that may be interested in becoming a sponsor of the 60th Anniversary celebrations.

If any alumni would like to become a sponsor or assist with the planning of these activities please contact:

**Marc Vittorio '01** [marc.vittorio@tcdsb.org](mailto:marc.vittorio@tcdsb.org)

**Frank MacGrath '82** [fmacgrath@gtigolf.com](mailto:fmacgrath@gtigolf.com)

**Mike Da Costa '92** [michael.dacosta@tcdsb.org](mailto:michael.dacosta@tcdsb.org)

Please visit [www.brebeufalumni.org](http://www.brebeufalumni.org) for the most up to date information.

## On Sale Now

60th Anniversary Book of Memories compiled by former Brebeuf staff members **Mike Daoust '67** and Sandra Boetto. Only \$25 per copy. Please see page 12 for more details.



## Alumni Association Update

2023 has been another busy year for the Alumni Association. From launching the Alumni lapel pin to starting the planning for the 60th anniversary celebrations, the executive committee members have been kept very busy.

Alumni events included the Order of Brebeuf Induction Ceremony (see pages 9 to 11). Our congratulations to the 2023 inductees: Fr. Len Altilla, S.J. **Robert Brohman '82**, **Aldo Di Felice '81**, **Patrick Horgan '78** and **Jim Morris '77** (posthumously). Please review page 11 to learn how you can nominate a member of the Brebeuf community for induction into the Order of Brebeuf.

2023 also saw milestone anniversaries celebrated by the classes of 1973, 1992 and 1993. If you are interested in putting together a class reunion, the Alumni Association can help. Please see further details on page 29.

Despite the challenges of the past few years, many alumni continue to generously contribute to Brebeuf and we greatly appreciate the ongoing support of so many Brebeufians. For alumni that wish to make a financial contribution to Brebeuf please see the details on the page 32, especially regarding the Jesuit Endorsement and areas where financial support is most needed. Online donations are available and all donations will receive a tax receipt.

A few words of gratitude: first, a note of thanks to our newsletter advertisers. We encourage all alumni to use these various businesses should their products or services be of help to you. Thanks also to those alumni for your "Where Are they Now" updates and photos. 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 their fellow alumni.

Our hard-working Alumni Executive members volunteer a lot of time and effort throughout the year. Thanks to these alumni for their ongoing commitment to Brebeuf: **Michael Da Costa '92**, **Anthony DiNicolo '20**, **Bryon Di Sera '81**, **Mike Flint '89**, **Peter Gillespie '85**, **Paul Lavin '82**, **Jonathan Page '93**, **Andrew Munro '82**, **Steve White '81**, Rosemary Lavery (retired staff) and **Marc Vittorio '01**.

Merry Christmas and best wishes for safe and healthy 2024.

**Frank MacGrath '82**

Chairman, Brebeuf Alumni Association

## Jesuit Endorsement Update – Kairos Retreat Program

Brebeuf College offers a transformative spiritual experience through its Kairos retreat program thanks to the financial support of alumni like **Robert Baldauf '82** and **Barry McInerney '81**. The word Kairos comes from the Greek term meaning, "the Lord's time", and is offered in all Jesuit Catholic high schools across North America. First introduced to Brebeuf in March 2009, when six students and three staff travelled to Buffalo to visit Canisius High School, where they participated in the very first Kairos retreat. Thanks to Chris Krall S.J., a Jesuit scholastic and volunteer at Brebeuf, several of our staff and students travelled to Buffalo, N.Y. to participate in Canisius High School's 95th Kairos Retreat. This experience along with the indispensable support of Fr. Fred Betti S.J., the Chaplain at Canisius, served to launch the Kairos Leadership Retreat Program at Brebeuf in 2010. Since this beginning, Brebeuf has continued to form senior students in this servant-leadership retreat program, completing Kairos XVIII in October 2023.

This three-day, two-night retreat is held annually at the Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre in Pickering and hosts 35 to 42 Grade 11 and 12 students. The leadership team is comprised of six Grade 12 students, seven adult staff and (1) chaplain from the archdiocese of Toronto. In addition to personal faith formation the Kairos program strives to engage and foster confident, Christ-like student leaders within our community and for the world. The students engage in challenging and reflective activities intended to deepen their social, emotional, and spiritual maturity and strengthen their relationships with Christ and others. Ultimately, the Kairos Leadership Retreat Program challenges Brebeuf's senior students to actualize the words of St. Ignatius of Loyola to "Go forth and set the world on fire." in accordance with the Jesuit motto: **Ad maiorem Dei gloriam!**

If you are interested in making a donation to support students and Jesuit traditions such as the Kairos Retreat Programs at Brebeuf, please contact our Alumni Association through **Frank MacGrath '82** [fmacgrath@gtigolf.com](mailto:fmacgrath@gtigolf.com) or **Michael Da Costa '92** [michael.dacosta@tcdsb.org](mailto:michael.dacosta@tcdsb.org)



Brebeuf staff members & chaplaincy Team Leads Rob Gregoris & **Eric Guy '82** flank Fr. J. Winston Rye, S.J. (Brebeuf Principal 1978-84) at a Jesuits of Canada reception. These 3 Brebeufians, along with many others, have been instrumental in bringing the 2022 Jesuit Endorsement to daily life at Brebeuf



The Jesuits of Canada table at the Order of Brebeuf (l to r): Rob Gregoris, **Kristen Emata '22**, Christine Hughes-Butler, Fr. John O'Brien, S.J., Fr. Brook Stacey, S.J., Fr. Gord Rixon, S.J. and **Eric Guy '82**



## Principal's Message by James Sanchez

Dear Alumni and Friends,

In my second year as principal, I am continually astounded by the array of events that showcase the vibrant community thriving at Brebeuf College School. Whether it's in academics, athletics, extracurricular activities, or spiritual growth, the distinctiveness of Brebeuf remains evident. One of the hallmarks setting Brebeuf apart is the unwavering and generous support from our alumni, for which we are deeply grateful. Your contributions, both financial and through various forms of involvement, have been instrumental in shaping the school's progress.

To maintain Brebeuf's position at the forefront of Catholic education, continuous investment in technology benefiting all students is essential. Our Board has committed to a student Chromebook program where each grade 9 and 10 students can have access to a device. We are also expanding our Specialist High School Majors program by adding the Business SHSM to our course offerings, investing in our instrumental music program by replacing & repairing instruments and by creating a creative music studio as part of the Arts & Culture and ICT SHSM programs.

In addition to investing in our curriculum, we are also waiting for our capital projects to begin, which are a digital Brebeuf College sign at the front of the school, memorial garden with the addition of 20 trees to our front lawn, TCDSB welcome bench for our garden and the resurfacing of interlock pedestrian pathways.

I would like to congratulate the Order of Brebeuf recipients. I am continually inspired by the impact our alumni make in their communities, upholding the values of the Jesuit tradition. Together, let us continue to foster solidarity, promote justice, and live out the teachings that have shaped our lives.

Wishing you a reflective close to November and a hopeful beginning to the Advent season.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam,  
James Sanchez  
Principal



## A Blast from the Past



From the archives .... The original Brebeuf building in the depths of winter

## Thank You Alumni

Thanks to the following alumni who returned to Brebeuf in 2023 to speak to various classes :

Sean Gardner '19

Alex Kolandjian '02

Matt Moyer '79

Matthew Pellegrino '10

Gabriel Tarzi '18

Kyle Valentino '17



Matt Moyer '79 spoke to Brebeuf students as part of the Alumni speaker series. Matt is a long serving member of the Toronto Police Service currently ranked as an Inspector.

# Alumni Scholarship Winners

Each June, the Alumni Association & Brebeuf College recognize graduating students with scholarships and awards.

- The **Peter Knopf '81** Memorial Scholarship, sponsored by Mrs. Rita Knopf, is awarded to John Falsarella '23, Ananth Satkunarajah '23 and Gianpaolo Capozzi '23
- The Father St. Clair Monaghan, S.J. Alumni Award recipient is Ananth Satkunarajah '23
- **Jim Morris '77** Journalism Award: Carlo Di Loreto '23
- **Michael Tomaszek '82** Music Award: Nedel Ellacer '23
- Gerry Tanner Scholarship, sponsored by **Brett Tanner '81**, is awarded to Carlo Di Loreto '23 and Justin Infante '23
- **Michael Thompson '69** Award: Nayan Liscombe '23
- **Martin Foy '82** Scholarship: Gianpaolo Capozzi '23
- The Marcus McInerney Scholarship is funded by **Barry McInerney '81** & Rose McInerney, in memory of their son. The recipients are Marco Attalla '23, Jaymie Gamo '23, and Mattia Salvatore '23
- **The E.J. Barry Renaissance Award**: Nedel Ellacer '23
- **The O'Neil P. Gazeley Scholarship**: Ananth Satkunarajah '23
- **The Lou Puccini Scholarship** recipient is Tony Gorgees '23
- The Barry, Gazeley & Puccini Scholarships are each funded by **George Macri '68**.
- **Raphael Kum Ming Loh '03 Award for Most Improvement** is awarded to Victor Aparicio Leal '23 and Nick Mejia '23
- **Raphael Kum Ming Loh '03 Award for Sports Leadership** is awarded to a student who has shown tremendous leadership in athletics. The recipient is Nayan Liscombe '23
- **Christopher Stanfield '83 Award for Leadership** is awarded to Nayan Liscombe '23 and Gianpaolo Capozzi '23
- **St. Charles Garnier Award** is awarded to Jude Agag '23
- **Presentation Brothers' Award** recipient is Joshua Insuaste '23
- **Brebeuf Benefactors' Award** recipient is Julian Sanchez '23
- **Brother Lawrence Maher, F.P.M. Award**: Nedel Ellacer '23
- **Michael Brown Memorial Award** recipient is Willy Kome '23
- **Joe Will Award** recipient is Gianpaolo Capozzi '23
- **Man for Others Award** recipient is Nedel Ellacer '23
- **Janath and Chapay Award**: Luke De Castro '23 & Mattia Salvatore '23
- **Joseph Younder Debating Award**: Paul Marshall '23
- **Knights of Columbus Bursary** recipient is Alijah Lorino '23
- **Catholic Student Award** recipient is Nedel Ellacer '23
- **Visual Arts Award of Excellence** recipient is Jade Agag '23
- **Theatre Brebeuf Award** recipient is Alijah Lorino '23
- **Michael Daoust '67 Award for Excellence in Mathematics**: Nayan Liscombe '23 & Ananth Satkunarajah '23
- **Valedictorian**: Gianpaolo Capozzi '23
- **Salutatorian**: Alijah Lorino '23

- **Lieutenant-Governor's Community Service Award**: Ananth Satkunarajah '23
- **Jody Forno Award** recipient is Andrea Signorile '23
- **Jesuit Schools Network Award**: Nedel Ellacer '23
- **Governor-General's Medal and Fr. Winston Rye, S.J. Award**: Andre D'Souza '23

Many thanks to the various alumni and friends of Brebeuf who generously support these awards each year. Special thanks to the Forno, Foy, Knopf, Loh, McInerney, Stanfield, Thompson and Tomaszek families and to **Robert Baldauf '82, Mark Baker '82, Paul Foy '84, Paul Lavin '82, Frank MacGrath '82, Shawn Smith '84, Brett Tanner '81, Chris Venneri '82, John Warecki '82, Richard Yip-Chuck '82 and Pat Yip-Chuck '80**. A particular word of gratitude to **George Macri '68** who has generously supported several of the scholarships listed above for many years.



**Brad Chin You '98 and Gianpaolo Capozzi '23** (Valedictorian) at the Graduation Breakfast



Staff members Dan Marozzo & Mauricio Martinez with **Carlo Di Loreto '23** at the Graduation Breakfast



## School News

- Brebeuf bid farewell to long-time staff member Paul Solarski in June as he embarks on a new life in retirement. We thank him for many years of service.
- The football programme continues to grow and thrive under teachers Chris Bayley and **Brad Chin You '98** with the assistance of community Coaches. The team made the TDCAA Finals and narrowly lost to Chaminade.
- Brebeuf continues to demonstrate charity through such initiatives as Clothing Drive for St. Vincent de Paul; Beuf Boxes for the less fortunate at Christmas; Can-Aid for the Food Bank at Our Lady of Lourdes; and fundraising for the Presentation Brothers' Schools in Africa.
- Brebeuf has increased marketing the school, and so far applications for Grade 9 boys for 2023-2024 are up an astounding fifty boys over previous years.
- Alumni on Staff - The following alumni are current staff: **Eric Guy '82**, **Mike Da Costa '92**, **Michael Aquino '93**, **Alex Sabatini '93**, and **Brad Chin You '98**, and **Marc Vittorio '01**.
- STEAM – Brebeuf has a successful programme in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics. It is a highly selective innovation that cements Brebeuf's academic tradition and attracts new students. See <https://brebeufcollegesteam.wixsite.com/brebeufsteam> for more information.
- 2023 Graduating Class - More than 50% of the 2023 class were Ontario Scholars. 25% were inducted into the Blessed Edmund Rice Society (four years on the honour roll). Over thirty awards were given, many named after former Brebeuf teachers and students and supported by alumni.
- Improving School Spirit - Brebeuf has successfully reinstituted a House System (named after the Canadian Jesuit Martyrs). It has proved wildly successful in promoting involvement, school spirit, and a greater sense of belonging.
- Math Update: In Math News, 25 Grade 11 students wrote the AP Calculus Exam: 17 of the 25 received a score of 3,4, or 5 and 7 received a perfect score of 5!



Brebeuf staff members **Brad Chin You '98**, Vice Principal Christine Hughes-Butler and former **Principal Linton Soares '02** of Brebeuf. Notice the 'teaching aid' Brad is holding.

## Paul Solarski Retires

For many of us, we have known Paul Solarski (Ski) as many things: a Baseball player, Football player, Athlete, Teacher, Coach, Trainer, Toronto Blue Jay, Colleague and Friend.

For a smaller group, Ski is much more than that, He is a Mentor, Counsellor, Psychologist, Athletic Therapist, Historian, Geographer, English Linguist, Doctor, Ornithologist and trivia buff; that's just the short list.

When looking back at his career, we only need to pay attention to the people that Ski influenced along the way in his years at Brebeuf. Students, and students that have gone on to become teaching colleagues, can attribute their success to his inspiration in the classroom. Even if you never took one of Ski's classes you always knew exactly who the "coach" was when he walked around the school with his baseball bat, like a cane that clicked through the hallways on a classroom visit with a smile and a story.

On the bench, whether at the ballpark or on the ice, Paul was a coach that never needed to raise his voice to get the attention of the team. His actions and leadership were made known through a quiet demeanor; subtle, yet effective, in motivating players to succeed and all feel a part of the big picture.

As a colleague you always knew Ski had your back, and he always took time to listen when you had something you needed to talk about. Paul has been a fixture of the Brebeuf community for over 35 years and our community has been a better place because of him.

Congratulations on your retirement Coach.

By **Marc Vittorio '01**



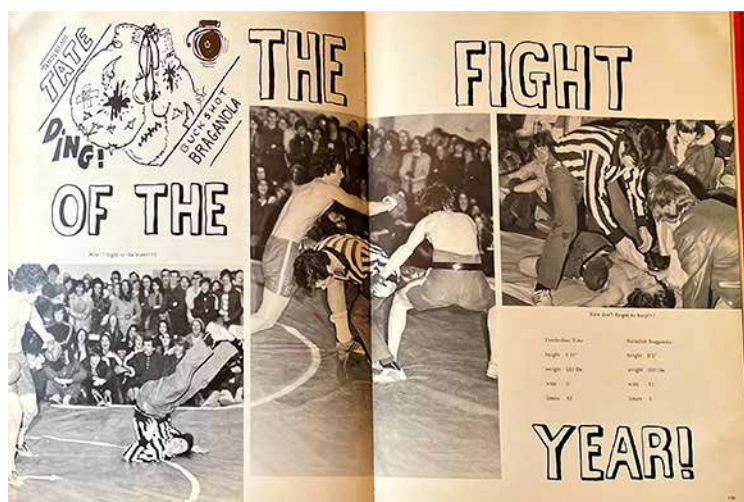
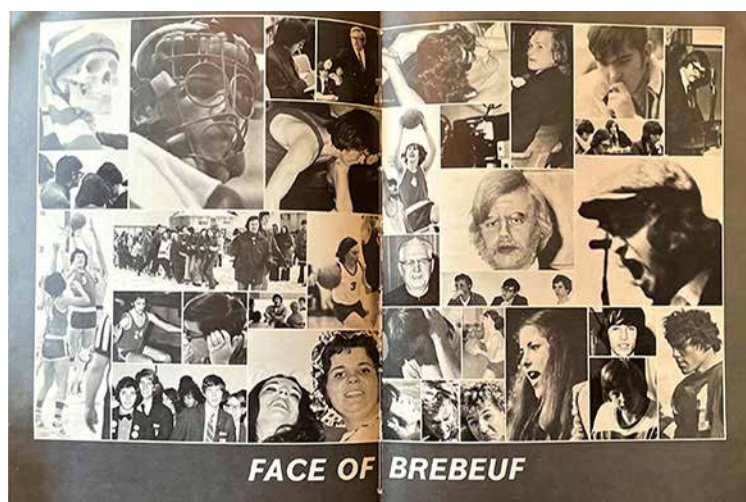


## Class of '73 - 50th Reunion

The Class of 1973 celebrated their 50th Anniversary in style by gathering at the Alumni Golf Tournament in September. Twelve members of the class were on hand, including Peter Watson '73 all the way from North Carolina. Thanks to Dan Walshe '73 for organizing this milestone reunion.



Back row left to right : Tom Pasquale, Gerry Lorenzetti, Andrew McDonald, Mike Barrack, Dan Walshe, Peter Watson, Victor Tonelli. Front row left to right : Vic Rosa, Fred Hawa (behind Vic), Rod McIsaac, Mike Neundorf, Richard Pasquale





## Class of '92 Reunion

The Class of 1992 gathered earlier this year to mark their 30th Anniversary (plus one year).



Left to right: Nassos Karakostas, Alex Rappos, Radek Rosinki, Justin Fung, Tony Hatzis, Waletr Andri, Sandro Morassutti



Drew Ng, George Azar, Brad Belanger, Greg Rogers '72 (former staff),  
Alex Varias, Mike Da Costa, Andrew Sulatycki, Eddie Nadalini

## Class of 1993 Celebrates Their 30th Anniversary

With joy and nostalgia, I reflect on the unforgettable 30-year reunion we enjoyed in June at the Firkin in North York. Laughter and camaraderie filled the air as the proud graduating class of 1993 gathered to celebrate the enduring bonds formed during our high school days.

The evening seamlessly blended a balance of humor and seriousness. Amidst clinking glasses, we revisited amusing escapades, pranks, and legendary adventures, vividly reminding that, despite three decades passing, the spirit of shared memories endures.

Lighthearted banter transitioned to reflective moments, where discussions ranged from funny anecdotes to life's twists and turns. Triumphs and challenges were shared, showcasing the resilience forged in the brotherhood of our days at Brebeuf.

A special acknowledgment goes to Paul Kortenaar our esteemed former staff member and current CEO at Ontario Science Centre, for graciously sparing time from his busy schedule to visit and witness the remarkable achievements of his former students.

The food - sizzling sliders, crunchy nachos, and savory chicken wings and frosty beer glasses fueled the festivities. Our 30-year reunion was a vibrant tapestry woven with humor, sincerity, and a shared appreciation for enduring bonds. As we parted ways that night, we carried the knowledge that our brotherhood is a timeless and unbreakable bond, toasting to the memories of our youth and the enduring friendships which helped to define us.

By **Michael Koor '93**



**Markus Hillar, Alex Goinarov, Joseph Raso,  
Paul Kortenaar and Dave Keaveney**



**John Neil Carvalho, Alex Kluge,  
Kris Borg-Olivier and Geoffrey Tan**



**Jonathan Page and Nigel Fernando**



**Michael Koor, Eddie Sabat and Joseph Raso**



## Order of Brebeuf - 2023 Inductees

The 2023 Order of Saint Jean de Brebeuf Inductees were formally recognized at a Mass and Luncheon held on Sunday, November 12th with over 80 members of the Brebeuf community in attendance. The Order is the highest recognition the Brebeuf community bestows on those who have demonstrated the values for which the school has always stood. This year's celebration recognized the "9th class of inductees" and demonstrated that the Order has truly become a Brebeuf "tradition" as numerous past inductees and pillars of the school community as well as many students, returned to honour the 2023 current inductees:

**Fr. Len Altilia, S.J.** - Fr. Len has been associated with Brebeuf College School for over 50 years, having taught at Brebeuf in the early 1970's and served as a mentor to many Brebeuf students and alumni as director of Camp Ekon. Fr. Len holds the unique distinction of having served as Principal or President of three Jesuit high schools in Canada (Loyola in Montreal, Gonzaga in St. John's and St. Paul's in Winnipeg). He was instrumental in establishing Brebeuf's Kairos retreat program in 2010 and played a key leadership role in formulating the 2022 Endorsement Agreement between Brebeuf College, the TCDSB and the Jesuits of Canada, making Brebeuf once again a member of the Jesuit family of schools. For the past 20 years, Fr. Len has been a regular presence at Brebeuf to say Mass and hear confessions. He has also served in many senior administrative roles within the Jesuits of Canada. Throughout his years as a Jesuit, Fr. Len has been a shining example of a "Man for Others".

**Robert Brohman '82** - Robert took advantage of many coaching opportunities as a teacher at Senator O'Connor College and Marshall McLuhan within the Toronto Catholic District School Board. He helped found the rugby programs, male and female, at both schools, winning championships with multiple teams. As well, Robert has coached curling, hockey and basketball within the school system. During his teaching career, Robert realized that leadership from within the group was the key to success. Most importantly, Robert saw the connection between extra-curricular activities and the personal growth of teenagers as leaders. Outside of teaching, Robert has been a club rugby coach and an Ontario Senior Women's coach. Most recently, he has volunteered at the Literacy Program at the Toronto Public Library and returned to Brebeuf to coach Junior Boys basketball and serve as a mentor for Brebeuf students.

As his main nominator **Robert Baldauf '82** noted, Robert believed that "the most important part of leadership is showing up". His scholarly and practical approach to leadership – built on the principle of "showing up" reflects the spirit and action of the saintly namesake of our school and the deserved recognition as a "Man for Others".

**Aldo Di Felice '81** - Born in Argentina, Aldo's family immigrated to Canada when he was a child. After graduating from Brebeuf and becoming a lawyer, Aldo became directly involved with Canada's media sector when he joined Canadian TV and film production company Sullivan Entertainment as Chief Operating Officer. As president of TLN Media Group since 1998, Aldo has led an expansion strategy, launched new digital TV services in Italian, Spanish and English, forged new programming relationships, built community-oriented partnerships and created signature live events. Aldo has led TLN to engage with and support dozens of community groups and charities across the country over the past 25 years.

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**Mike Gennaro '69, Jason Gennaro '93, Fr. Len Altilia and Steve Gennaro '95** at the Order of Brebeuf ceremony. Mike is Fr. Len's brother in law and Jason and Steve are his nephews.



**Robert Brohman '81** (2nd from left) receives the Order of Brebeuf from **Robert Baldauf '82, Jamie Stafford '82 and Tom Korte '82**



**Aldo Di Felice '81**, 2nd from left, receives the award from classmates **Bryon Di Sera, Michael Rogers and Steve White**

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In 2021, Aldo was appointed to the board of directors of Ontario Creates, an agency of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport and a central catalyst for the cultural media sector. He previously served for 10 years as a board member of the provincial government agency known the Ontario Public Accountants Council. In 2019, Aldo was a recipient of the annual "10 most Influential Hispanic Canadians Awards". Aldo has been a member of the St. Michael's Hospital Presidents Council since 2009. Aldo has been a loyal supporter of Brebeuf and its students for many years and continues to be a "Man for Others".

**Patrick Horgan '78** - recently retired after a lengthy career as a senior executive at IBM Canada, Patrick exemplifies what it means to be a "Man for Others". He has been extensively involved in local, provincial and national business, charitable and community organizations including serving as Chair of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, and serving on the boards of many civic organizations. . Most recently he served as Chair of Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket, helping to guide the hospital through the pandemic.

While exemplifying his relentless pursuit of continuing education for others, he holds a Thompson Industrial Fellow position as part-time Adjunct Professor at Western University, focusing on AI and its implications to the University. Pat has been recognized with many awards including IBM Golden Circle, Hundred Percent Clubs and Leadership Excellence and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal for significant contributions to Canada.

Pat continues to connect all of us from the class of '78 by organizing and coordinating regular zoom calls. Pat Horgan is an outstanding individual in all aspects of life, and it is this graduate of Brebeuf College that inspires us today and every day.

**Jim Morris '77** - Jim served on the first Alumni Association executive in 1982 and helped convene the annual alumni hockey and golf tournaments. During the 25th Anniversary celebrations in 1988, Jim oversaw the creation of the Brebeuf Sports Hall of Fame. Jim gave countless hours of his time and talents to helping his alma mater. 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, helping to organize 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 (for which Jim served as the team manager & trainer). At this event Jim was recognized with the "Man for Others" Award for his tireless dedication to Brebeuf.

Jim's journalism career in radio, primarily with CKO News and 680 News in Toronto focused on the Toronto police and fire beats. Jim was recognized with numerous awards throughout his distinguished career. Following his death in March, 2002, Brebeuf College established the Jim Morris Journalism Award to the graduating student excelling in journalism and mass media studies at Brebeuf.



**Pat Horgan '78** (centre) was presented with the Order of Brebeuf by his brothers **Greg '75**, **Phil '80** and his classmates **Tim Haffey '78** and **Paul Cusimano '78**.



**Jim Morris '77** was inducted posthumously. Included in the presentation to Jim were (left to right) : **Paul Martinez '77** and **Frank McGouran '77** (Jim's classmates and lifelong friends), legendary Brebeuf teacher Jim Barry, Patrick Morris (Jim's son) and **Pat Morris '79** (Jim's brother who accepted the honour on behalf of the Morris family).



**Dennis Tobin '79**, Jim Barry (former staff), **Paul Fujiwara '79**, **Paul Clancy '79** and **Paul Cusimano '78**



## Order of Brebeuf

The Brebeuf Alumni Association gratefully acknowledges the financial support of the following sponsors & donors:

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**Mark Heintzman '78**

**Paul Lavin '82**

**Drew Munro '82**

**Chris Paul '85**

**Denis Tobin '79**

**Steve White '81**



Ten Brebeuf students were able to attend the Order of Brebeuf luncheon thanks to the generosity of numerous alumni



(l to r) "Mary Barry, Jim Barry, **James Marrin '68**, Sergio De Miglio (retired staff), **Paul Adams '71**, Rosemary Lavery (retired staff) and **Michael Flint '89**



Several colleagues of Fr. Len Altília travelled from Loyola in Montreal to celebrate his induction, including Loyola President Marcelle DeFreitas (former Brebeuf staff), 3rd from right. Pictured to Marcelle's left is **Mike Pautler '76**, former Brebeuf staff member & Principal.

## Call for Order of Brebeuf Nominations

The Order is open to all members of the Brebeuf community (alumni, current and former staff, parents, students and friends of Brebeuf) and recognizes achievement that exemplifies the values for which the school has always stood, namely faith, discipline, integrity, humility, friendship community and above all being "Men and Women for Others". Since it was introduced in 2012, the Alumni Association has inducted over 40 "Men and Women for Others".

Think you know someone worthy of being honoured by the Order of Saint Jean de Brebeuf? Please contact **Steve White '81**, Chair of The Order Selection Committee at [swhite.62@live.com](mailto:swhite.62@live.com) for further details.

Information on the Order of Brebeuf can be found at the Alumni Association's website [www.brebeufalumni.org](http://www.brebeufalumni.org)

# 60th Anniversary Book of Memories

## Pre-Order Now!

This celebratory book is all about the lasting imprint that Brebeuf College has had on countless lives.

Enjoy reading fond memories of over 140 Brebeuf teachers and alumni as we mark the 60th Anniversary of what was and continues to be a second home for so many.

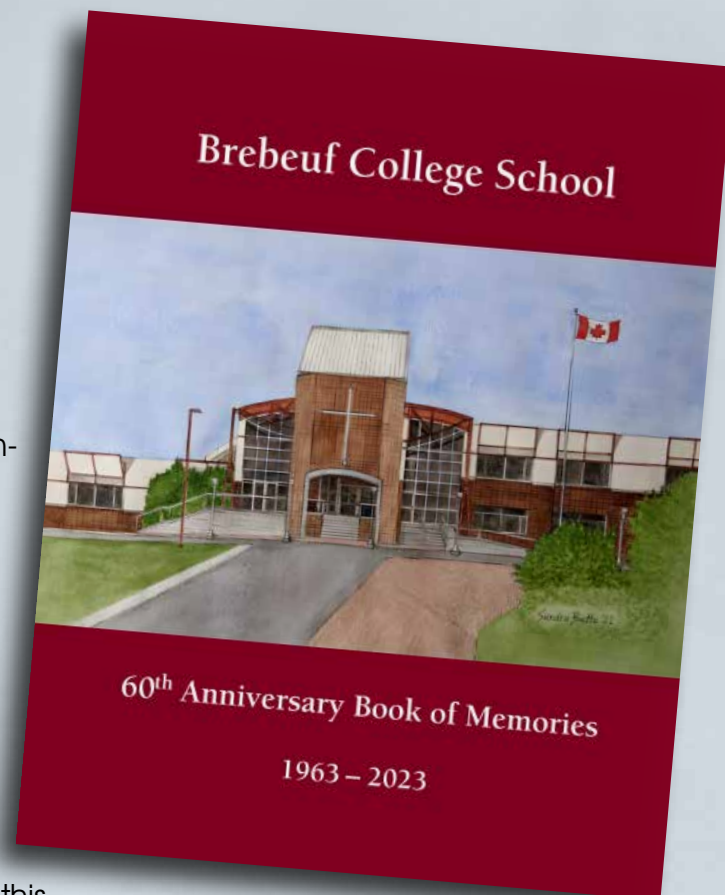
Books go on sale December 15th, 2023

Pre-order at <https://www.gtigolf.com/bookofmemories/>

Former staff members **Michael Daoust '67** and Sandra Boetto have compiled a remarkable "book of memories" based on submissions by over 140 alumni and current and former staff in celebration of Brebeuf's 60th Anniversary

Please see the details below on how you can purchase this remarkable reflection on Brebeuf.

The Alumni Association would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to both Mike Daoust and Sandra Boetto for their tireless efforts to bring this project to completion.



**"It was like a small town or neighbourhood where we all knew each other." Paul Sanagan '67**

**"At Brebeuf, I enjoyed the greatest of all adventures, the beautiful odyssey of growing up." Armando D'Andrea '96**

**"When I bump into any Brebeuf alumnus anywhere, there's an immediate connection." Bryan Black '75**

**"I think like many, my overriding feeling is gratitude." Pat Galligan '81**

**"See the poetry in people and join the human race's pilgrimage of the heart." Brother Lawrence Maher (1984- 1996)**

**"A spirit of optimism permeated the halls." Tom Sullivan (1963-1988)**

**"I knew this was a place I wanted to be a part of." Marc Vittorio '01 (2014- 2018)**

**"I am forever grateful for the foundation Brebeuf College has given me." Nick Galatianos '00 (2006-2015)**

Books will go on sale for \$25.00 per copy as of Friday December 15th and can be picked up at Brebeuf College on Wednesday December 20th, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Further pick up dates will be scheduled for early in 2024 after the school reopens following the Christmas break.

Please complete the pre-order form and make payment at <https://www.gtigolf.com/bookofmemories/>.

If you wish to have the book shipped to you by mail, please add a shipping charge of \$20.00 / book.

## Book Launch Party

The Alumni Association is planning a "Book Launch Party" in January 2024 from 4-7 p.m. at a local pub near Brebeuf. Further details will be announced shortly. For further information on purchasing a book, please contact Michael Da Costa '92 [michael.dacosta@tcdsb.org](mailto:michael.dacosta@tcdsb.org) or Frank MacGrath '82 [fmacgrath@gtigolf.com](mailto:fmacgrath@gtigolf.com)





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## Where Are They Now?

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**Ciro DeCiantis '82** has recently retired from Deloitte where he spent 37 years (25 as a partner). He is principally spending his time on some personal and business interests, with his principal focus on enjoying time with his spouse and family.

**Jeffrey R. Fish '86** took his two TV Brebeuf awards and ran with them! He now co-owns FPS (Filet Production Services) - a video production company in Halifax Nova Scotia, creating social media, internal corporate videos, television commercials and more to the Atlantic Canadian and First Nations communities. Celebrating 22 years in business April 1st, 2023.

**Bavly Kost '08** "Since I graduated in 2008, I have been working as a spiritual care chaplain and registered psychotherapist for about ten years. I went to York University and Seminary right after St. Vladimir's Seminary in New York to study theology. I have worked at Sunnybrook and Scarborough Health Network and now work at Mackenzie Health in York Region. I also supervise students who want to become chaplains or registered psychotherapists for three years."

**Anthony Matrondola '70** "I am enjoying retirement after 35 years in the banking industry. My wife Petra, nee Schmitt, graduate of Morrow Park, and I just celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary. We live in the Yorkville area of Toronto".

**Johnny Peruch '89** submitted the following update:  
"Graduated with Masters Degree in Theology and Diploma Pentecostal Theology, Ordained Priest - street preacher Richibucto NB, Owner / Operator of The Heavens Are Telling And So Are We Mission Church and a Windsurfing Instructor. Seen giving out free Bibles at Finch subway station and along Bayview, seen attending Tyndale Seminary Masters in Theology program, Living near Miramichi New Brunswick still giving out free Bibles, and preaching on the streets and beaches along the Acadian shore."

**Zygmunt Delos Reyes '10** "After Graduation I attended George Brown College Culinary Management 2 year program and Graduated in 2012. After GBC I continued honing my craft in the top restaurants in Toronto such as Mercato, Rosewater, Franks Kitchen and Celestin Bistro. I also worked, as Sous Chef, for Corporate services companies such as Aramark and Sodexo. I became a Chef de Cuisine to the Michelin recognized restaurant called FK Restaurant. I'm currently the Executive Chef in Sage Dining Services."

**Gary Taylor '72** writes that "I am currently enjoying retirement with my family after the majority of my work career (40 years) with Foresters Financial in Toronto. I retired in March 2020".

**Jay Deen '91** is a Technical Fellow and VP of Engineering: Generative AI for Amdocs.

**Edwin Tan '15** is a Project Coordinator at Infrastructure Ontario for the Hurontario LRT.

**Justin Bento '18** is a website developer for Humber College.

**Mathieu Grindlay '17** works as a Mental Health and Addictions Counsellor at Bellwood Health Services.

**Soren Caraan '17** is a Inventory Associate at WIS International and a freelance software developer.

**Giorgio Raso '89** is a Business Development Manager for Backyard Lifestyles Ltd.

**Michael McWilliams '92** is a partner at Loopstra Nixon LLP and leads their Commercial and Construction Litigation Group. In 2022, he was recognized by Best Lawyers for Corporate and Commercial Litigation.

**Gerard MacNeil** (former staff) "I always enjoy seeing each issue and learning about the students I taught. Here is my "where are they now: Taught French and Latin at Brebeuf 1987-1989 and enjoyed every minute of it!, Moderator for Student Council 1988-1989, Named Vice Principal at St. Joseph's College (Wellesley) 1989, Named Principal at St. Cyprian C.E.S. 1999, Named Principal at St. Agatha C.E.S. 2001, Retired as Principal from St Agatha 2009, Doing Teacher Interviews for TCDSB 2009+ and in retirement spends time between Toronto and Cape Breton".

### Alumni Honoured

**Dario Battista '87**, President & CEO of isure Insurance, has had a newsworthy year. His company, isure Insurance, was named Insurance Brokerage of the Year by the Insurance Brokers Association of Ontario (IBAO). Dario was also asked to join the IBAO Board of Directors and will serve as President of the Board in 2024. The IBAO represents the interests over 17,000 brokers from across the province to industry stakeholders, the public and the provincial and federal government.

**Mark Lavigne '80** has received the prestigious Philip A. Novikoff Memorial Award "which recognizes superior and outstanding service over time by an accredited CPRS member who has furthered the standing of the public relations profession in Canada through professional practice, personal relationships and the betterment of the CPRS community."

Congratulations to **Matteo Sabatini '23** on being drafted to the OHL's Mississauga Steelheads!

**Anthony Cocomile '92** is a Claims Counsel for Stewart Tile Guaranty Co.

**Al Lecointe '00** is a Manager of Budget Administration (Reporting and Information Systems) for the University of Toronto.

**Andrew Kramer '86** is the Science Co-op Coordinator at the University of Guelph.

**Luc Rinaldi '10** is a freelance journalist whose work has appeared in Toronto Life, Maclean's, Canadian Business, and The Walrus, among many other publications.



## Where Were They Seen?

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Class of '79 alumni **Steve Frotten**, **Jim MacDonald** and **Iain Jamieson** had a great weekend visit in Cooperstown, NY, in May 2023 to tour the National Baseball Hall of Fame and eat at the Cooperstown Diner, one of the smallest restaurants in the U.S. (four tables).



Class of 1979 alumni **Steve Spiegelmann**, **Paul Bar** and **Jim MacDonald** cheering on the Argos in summer, 2023"



**Jason Lunin '89**: "I have always been impressed that relationships that started at Brebeuf seem to last. I have been fortunate to enjoy the company of the 3 other Brebeufians pictured above. This was taken at a recent golf get together. We have been causing trouble together for decades now. We are all class of 89 and see each other frequently." Left to right is **Jason Lunin**, **Glen Schmidt**, **Pat Wong** and **Rich Klos**.



**Jonathan Page '93** and **Dave Keaveney '93** at 'The Sound' rehearsal studios in Vaughan, Ontario, Fall 2023 - trying to recreate the feeling of CAN-AIDs gone-by!



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**Michael Poole '70** spent 3 months travelling internationally in 2023 visiting family & friends and former classmates. Below left is Mike with **Mike Herald '70** in Miami where Mike Herald has resided for many years.



**Michael Poole '70** also visited with **Bill Corcoran '70** in Harbour Island, Bahamas



On August 24th **Dennis Bradley '81** hosted a 60th birthday dinner for **Fr. Larry Leger '82** at the Bradley home in Barrie. Joining in the celebrations were (back row l to r) **Tim Hill '81**, **Mike Cartan '82**, **Dennis Bradley '81**, **Chris Wong '81**. Front row **Michael Rogers '81**, **Fr. Larry Leger '82** and **Frank MacGrath '82**. Far right is Fr. Scott Young, Larry's colleague at S. Mary's Catholic Church where Larry is the Pastor



**John Corso '88** had a chance encounter with **Trong Nguyen '91** at the New York airport

### Stay connected

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**Pat Galligan '81, Andrew Munro '82 and Steve White '81** out for their annual Christmas dinner and shenanigans. Pat is a well renowned actor of stage and screen and is entering his 21st season at the Shaw Festival in Niagara. Andrew is a Partner at the law firm Clapperton-Munro, together with Brebeuf alumnus **Chris Clapperton '84**.



**Steve Munro and Steve White** (both Class of '81), proudly displaying their Brebeuf regalia while vacationing this Spring in Eluthera, Bahamas. Steve Munro is now a Senior Director with Abbvie in Chicago. Steve Munro and his wife Shari recently moved to Florida to begin their move into retirement. Steve White and his partner Debbie live in Barrie, Ontario where Steve is semi-retired but still active with the Alumni Association.

## Brebeuf College Old School & New School Building Prints



Former Brebeuf staff member, Sandra Boetto, has created renderings of the original Brebeuf building (Old School Print) and the current building (New School Print). Copies of these 8.5" x 11" prints are now available for sale at \$20.00 per print or \$30.00 for 2 copies. You can choose to buy 1 or more copy of each print. Proceeds will go towards the Brebeuf Alumni Association so we can continue to support projects at the school. Place your order at [www.gtigolf.com/brebeufbuildingprint/](http://www.gtigolf.com/brebeufbuildingprint/)

## Brebeuf Alumni in the Spotlight at Georgina Centre for Arts & Culture

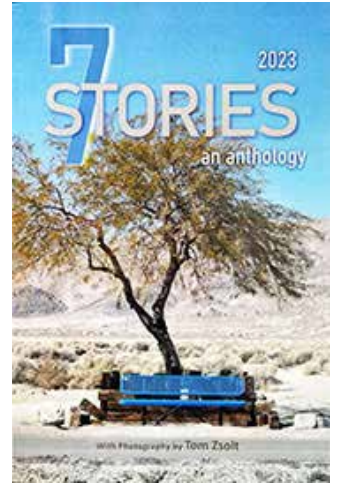
**Tom Zsolt '77** has been a long-time volunteer with the Georgina Centre for Arts and Culture (GCAC) as well as being a renowned landscape and documentary photographer.

In May 2023, a number of Tom's photos were showcased at the "7 Stories Photography Exhibit and Writing Contest" hosted by the GCAC. The objective of the contest was to write a story (in prose, poetry or non-fiction) inspired by one of the seven photographs. Within the seven short story contest categories, two alumni and classmates of Tom Zsolt, took home top honours.

**Mark Beamish '77** won for his terrific short story based on the photo "Old Breckin".

**Paul Fraumeni '77** was honoured for his excellent submission based on the photo "Stairway to Heaven".

Below are the two stories and the photos on which they are based. These two stories have been included in an anthology published by the GCAC and featuring Tom's photographs.



### For me, churches aren't about religion by Paul Fraumeni

My religion, Catholicism, often drives me up the wall. But the churches work for me.

We all know the darkness of Catholicism. The religion doesn't allow same sex marriage, women cannot be priests, priests can't marry or have sex. The Church has a shameful history of pedophilia and abuse of Canadian Indigenous peoples.

But when I walk into a church, the political stances and even the religion itself float away. A welcome warmth comes over me. I find I can talk directly to God and Jesus, right through the religion. And that relationship makes me feel good.

For years, I would go into a church for the formal mass or for prayer. Usually, when it was prayer time, I was there to beg for something good to happen.

In 1986, my son Nicky was born. The next day, we were told he was born without one of his eyes. Initially, the doctors didn't know what that would mean in terms of his health or cognitive ability. As he stayed in St. Michael's Hospital and then Sick Kids in his early days, I went into St. Michael's Cathedral in Toronto and prayed – hard. "Please, Jesus, make Nicky better."

He didn't get 'better.' Nicky eventually was diagnosed as being profoundly mentally challenged. He lived until age 28. He couldn't walk or talk or take care of himself. He lived the best life he could. But the fact that all my praying didn't make him "ok" always bugged me.

But then I changed my perspective. I went into the cathedral, knelt down, blessed myself, looked up at Jesus on the cross and said, "You don't actually change things for us, do you? Not in some wave of the hand and all is good. So, from now on, no more prayers. I'm just going to tell you how I'm feeling."

And 35 years later, I'm still doing that. But I need a church to have that conversation. To me a church is a haven where I can talk openly and safely.

When I saw Tom Zsolt's photograph Stairway to Heaven, that feeling came over me. Tom's photo shows a stark environment that is not immediately inviting. The whiteness of the church, the feeling of intense heat from the surrounding desert.

But, it's a church. And even in a desert, for me, a church can be an oasis.



Paul Fraumeni '77 and Tom Zsolt '77  
at the Georgina Centre for Arts and Culture



## Brebeuf Alumni in the Spotlight at Georgina Centre for Arts & Culture

### Dearest Mother and Rest by Mark Beamish

30 June 1915

So much has changed since your last letter, here and everywhere. This Great War seems to have now reached across the ocean from Europe to find Canada and even our humble village of Brechin. It's hard to believe that my beloved Ellen and I were married less than a year ago at St. Andrew's Catholic Church.

All our friends, and O'Boyles far and wide, came to help us celebrate at the new St. Andrew's Hall just down the road. If you recall I even did some carpentry work there, and I'm proud to say it looks impressive. Mother dear, today I find myself back in St. Andrew's Hall again, but today there's no music. I'm starting this letter to you, as I wait in a long queue that goes out the door, filled with local lads and men of all ages, with our recruitment papers in hand. I'm ready to step up for my new home and country. Ireland has need to be proud of its people because we are bravely fighting for Canada, and why wouldn't we?

A fellow just told me that if we'd been recruited in Montreal we might have been assigned to the 199th Battalion of the Expeditionary force, an all-Irish regiment. One of the officers says Jimmy Duffy, our favourite marathoner from Sligo, is in this group.

Almost forgot to share Ellen's good news. We were gobsmacked to learn that because so many men have gone off to fight, there's places here hiring women to do jobs they wouldn't normally do. Right next door to the St. Andrew's Hall, in fact, is one of them, the Standard Bank of Canada. Ellen has always been good at the maths as you know, and yesterday she found out she'll be able to work some hours there, after I ship out.

Hard to believe, but grand news. Home now, just finishing this note so that I can post it first thing tomorrow. Mother, it is still my dream that you will leave Ballycara to join us here in Brechin one day, when the world is a safer place. Give my love to all.

With God's grace I will be safely back before you know it and you can finally come to stay with us for good.

Your loving son,

Austin O'Boyle.





## Alumni Golf Classic 2023

**Ray Chan '98** attended his first alumni golf tournament in September, 2023 and did something that no other golfer had previously done in the lengthy history of this annual event. On the 15th hole (an uphill par 3) Ray recorded a hole in one, witnessed by his playing partners **John Murphy '81**, **Michael Rogers '81** and retired staff member Joe Younder.

The Chan foursome joined 90 other Brebeuf alumni, former staff and friends of the school at Sleepy Hollow on a beautiful late September day. The Class of 1973 was represented by 12 golfers as they celebrated 50 years since graduating from Brebeuf (see photo on page 6). Among many alumni from the early years of Brebeuf who golfed was former NHL player, coach and league executive **Mike Murphy '69**.

The 1981 foursome consisting of **Bryon Di Sera**, **Steve McHale**, **John Mullaly** & **Ken Abbott** won the team competition in the "scramble format" with a score of 61, just edging out the threesome of **Saggi Lozada '91**, **Kokok Lozada '90** and **Andrew Semeniuk '92** (with their score of 62). The other 1981 foursome of **John Younder**, **Brett Tanner**, **Mike Tynan** & **Joe Robson** finished in 3rd place just ahead of 4th place team of **George Longo '86**, **Peter Gillespie '85**, **Peter Kennedy '85** and **John Tokarsky '79**.

In the individual competitions, the winners included :

Closest to the Pin #3 – **Brett Tanner '81**

Closest to the Pin #6 – **Mike Murphy '69**

Closest to the Pin #8 – **Nick Thadaney '87** (using rental clubs!)

Longest Drive #4 – **Nick Thadaney '87** (Men's) & Annemieke Horgan (Women's)

Longest Drive #11 – **Jonathan Page '93** (Men's) & Rosemary Lavery (Women's)

Closest to the Pin #15 – **Ray Chan '98**

Closest to the Pin #17 – **Tom Pasquale '73**

Putting contest – **Paul Fujiwara '79**

In the "individual stroke play" division, **Peter Coughlin '70** recorded a superb round of 77 to win Low Gross honours while **Mike Koor '93** maintained his stranglehold on the "Most Honest Golfer" award for yet another year. Thanks to the Classes of 1969-71, 1973, 1981, 1975, 1977 and 1987 for their strong turnout this year and to all who attended.

Special thanks to our alumni sponsors & donors:

**Peter Gillespie '85**

**Sandro Morassutti '92**

**Rob Pellegrini '80**

**Paul Steiner '77**

**Vic Tonelli '73**

**Dan Walshe '73**

**Mike Wren '75**



1st Place: **Bryon Disera '81**, **John Mullaly '81**,  
**Steve McHale '81**, **Ken Abbott '81**



2nd Place: **Saggi Lozada '91**, **Andrew Semeniuk '92**,  
**Kokok Lozada '90**



Ray Chan '98 celebrating his hole-in-one shot with playing partners Joe Younder (retired staff), **Michael Rogers '81** and **John Murphy '81**



## Alumni Golf Classic 2023



3rd Place: Joe Robson '81, John Younder '81,  
Mike Tynan '81, Brett Tanner '81



4th Place: George Longo '86, Peter Kennedy '85,  
Peter Gillespie '85 & John Tokarsky '79



Peter Barbetta '70, Darcy McConvey '71,  
Mike Burkart '70



Pat Horgan '78, Annemieke Horgan,  
Greg Horgan '75, Phil Horgan '80



Alan Beaton '77, Tom Zsolt '77, Paul Collins '77



Scott Lawrence, Brian Carney,  
Sandro Morassutti '92, John Hierlihy



## Alumni Golf Classic 2023



Tony Bortolin '79, Paul Fujiwara '79,  
Michael Fujiwara, Dennis Tobin '79



John Wren '83, Mike Wren '75,  
Paul MacDonald '75, Paul Oulahan '75



Retired staff : Mario De Thomasis, Paul Adams '71,  
Rosemary Lavery & Ermes Lena



Dario Battista '87, Shawn Cohen '97,  
Greg Stephenson '87, Noel Austin '87



Nick Thadaney '87, Tony Long '87,  
Kevin Duquette '87, Craig Metzger '87

### Save the Date

The 2024 Alumni Golf Classic will be held on Tuesday  
September 24th at Sleepy Hollow Golf Club in Stouffville.

Please contact **Frank MacGrath '82**  
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# Alumni Golf Classic 2023



Ray Chan '98, Joe Younder (retired staff),  
Michael Rogers '81, John Murphy '81



Class of 1973 - Mike Neundorf, Dan Walshe,  
Mike Barrack, Peter Watson



Class of 1980 - Rob Pellegrini, Patrick Yip-Chuck,  
Joe Domotor, Joe Caruso



Tom Pasquale '73, Richard Pasquale '73,  
Vic Tonelli '73, Rod McIsaac '73



Peter Coughlin '70, Tim Barbetta '70,  
Mike Murphy '69, John Murphy '74



Michael Koor '93, Dave Keaveney '93,  
Jason Cuddy '95, Johnathan Page '93



Brendan Jones '77, Paul Steiner '77,  
Steve Melchiori '77, Mike McCann '77



Gerry Lorenzetti '73, Andrew MacDonald '73,  
Fred Hawa '73, Vic Rosa '73



Oscar Fava '74, Mike Hart '72,  
John Beaton '75



Bryan Black '75, Rem Langan '71,  
Mike Ryan '72, Pat Ryan '75



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# In Memoriam



Please pray for the following members of the Brebeuf family who passed away between December 2022 and December 2023

## Alumni

- Alexander Amoroso-Leacock '19
- Phil Bradley '70
- Chris Bilecikyan '01 ?
- Greg Dosman '74, brother of Michael Dosman '79
- Reynolds Kanary '68
- Eric Mullaney '93
- Paul O'Neill '88, brother of Brian O'Neill '92 and father of James '19
- Mike Oster '72
- Austin Persico '94
- Bill Stafford, brother of Jamie '82 and John '71
- Phil Thalman '85
- Mike Yates '81

## Former Staff

- Fr. Rob Brennan, S.J.
- Brother Donatus Brazil FPM, former Provincial
- Joan Farrell, mother of Enaame '94, Nnaumbua '00 and Toussaint '89
- Michael McSharry

## Relatives of Alumni & Staff

- Susan Adams, wife of Paul Adams '71 (former staff)
- Anita Baker, mother of Ted '80, Mark '82, Peter '84 and Stephen '87
- Mary Boudreau, mother of Rod '90, Warren '92, and Jeremy '94
- Mary Brown, mother of Michael (deceased), John '74, Greg '79 and Chris '81
- Frank Cosentino, father of Nick '77 and Phil '82
- Virginia Gorizzan, mother of Claudio '79 and grandmother of Eric '09
- Jennifer Hubbard, wife of Jim '81 and sister-in-law of Gary '73, Brent '75 and Mark '79
- Frank Koscak, father of Bruno '82 and Brian '84
- Gerry Lang, father of Rob '84 and Norm '85
- Guy Leger, father of Larry '82 and Chris '83
- Eunice McGouran, wife of Frank '77 and sister-in-law of Pat '74, Bernie '79, John '80 and Kevin '83
- Leonie Murphy, mother of Michael '90 and Conor '92
- Jose Sanchez, father of James Sanchez (Principal)
- Wally Tanner, father of Brett Tanner '81
- Ada Pellegrini, mother of Rob Pellegrini '80
- Findlay Quinn, father of Frank '74, Norm '70 and Andrew '80





## Memorial Tributes

### **Rev. Robert Charles (Padre) Brennan SJ**

**28 August 1945 – 2 September 2023**

Fr. Rob Brennan, SJ, (Padre) passed peacefully on Saturday, September 2, at the Jesuit Infirmary, René Goupil House, in Pickering, ON. Fr. Brennan was 78 years old and about to celebrate his 53rd anniversary as a Jesuit. He entered the Jesuits on September 9, 1970, and was ordained a priest by Emmett Cardinal Carter on June 2, 1979. After tertianship in Manila, Philippines, he made final vows at Brebeuf High School in May 1984.

Rob's Jesuit life was defined by high school teaching and chaplaincy, and particularly by his connection with Loyola High School in Montreal. He spent time as a regent at Loyola High School in Montreal, then at Brebeuf in Toronto for 10 years, before returning to Loyola for a 12-year stint as chaplain. He then spent four years as coordinator of the pastoral team at Saint Paul's High School before returning to Loyola in 2006, where he was teacher, chaplain, and twice acting president and president of the high school.

Rob had a deep love for the students and faculty he accompanied and served as chaplain. He made deep and lasting connections with hundreds and hundreds of them, celebrating marriages, baptisms, and family funerals. Sacramental ministry was at the heart of his Jesuit life, and he connected with parents and families of Loyola students. He was an enthusiastic if not always knowledgeable coach of sports teams. He kept a special place in his heart for his experiences of ministry during tertianship in the Philippines, and for the Indigenous peoples he served in Northern Ontario earlier in his priestly life. He was also an able mentor of younger Jesuits.

A loyal community member, Rob could be counted on to enquire about the interests and the events in the life of his fellow Jesuits. He had a penchant for military and political history but could engage in discussion on many topics as a result of his wide interests and voracious reading. His struggles with illness later in life brought out a softer and more vulnerable side of his personality in his sharing with fellow community members.

He is survived by his sister, Mary Elizabeth Van Houten and her husband Stephen, by his nieces and nephews, and by numerous grand-nephews and grand-nieces.

Submitted by Peter Gillespie '85 and George Longo '86



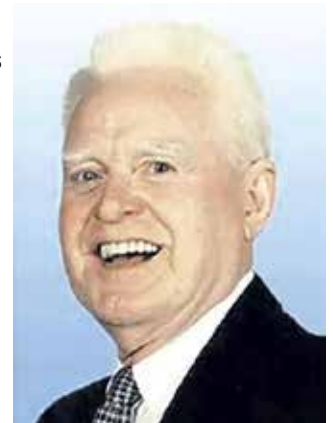
### **Michael McSharry** - Submitted by Michael Da Costa '92

The Brebeuf family lost a true gentleman with the passing of Mr. Michael McSharry, who taught physics at Brebeuf from the mid 1980s until his retirement in the early 2000s. In fact, he worked well-past the typical retirement age of teachers and chalked up over fifty years in the classroom!

When I was in Grade 12, I was in Mr. McSharry's physics class. Even though I didn't particularly like the science of physics, I truly loved being in his class. He was a very kind man with high standards: firm (especially about the uniform) but fair; funny and witty; passionate about his subject; and interesting. He always had entertaining stories to tell about growing up in Leitrim, Ireland and teaching in Quebec before his arrival at Brebeuf. He also had a strong Catholic faith that he tried to impart to his students.

I can still picture him on the second floor in the old building in his white lab coat and a smile on his face; as a former student and colleague, I miss his mentorship and friendship.

May he rest in peace.



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## Memorial Tributes

### **Gregory Dosman '74** - Submitted by Michael Dosman '79

After a long, courageous battle with Alzheimer's, Gregory Anthony Dosman sadly passed away on September 23, 2022, at the age of 66.

Greg was a kind, loving, loyal son, brother, uncle, cousin and friend. Greg is missed dearly by all who loved him, especially his brother Michael, sister-in-law Jill, nephews Peter and Jacob, and his niece Kate.

Greg's deep love for music started with childhood accordion lessons.

His keen interest in music was further enhanced during his years in the high school band at Brebeuf College School, where he formed many lifelong friendships. Some of his friends continued in music, forming various bands, one of which continued to play together with Greg, and later for Greg when he moved to long-term care.

Greg graduated from the University of Western Ontario, Kings College, with an Honours Degree in History in 1977. After graduating, Greg worked with his closest cousin, John Ferraro, in the family business for 35 years. Greg continued to enrich his colourful life with worldly travels, including trips to Mexico, Europe and Machu Picchu, Peru.



### **Paul O'Neil '88** - Submitted by Brian O'Neil '92

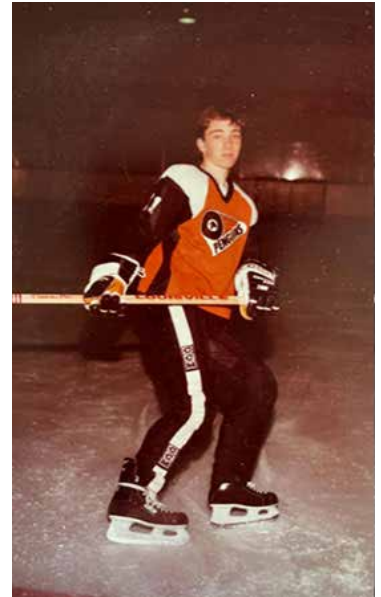
Paul Henry O'Neil passed away peacefully in Toronto surrounded by his loved ones March 18th, 2023. Born September 19th, 1969, in Glasgow, Scotland, Paul was 53 and the cherished son of Theresa Broadley O'Neil and Owen McCaul O'Neil.

A keen athlete, Paul's love for competition was evident in everything he did. His enjoyment of tennis, soccer, and hockey was infectious. Paul shared these passions through coaching his children's teams. Paul was a race car aficionado and fearless behind the wheel. His enthusiasm for motorsport was apparent to anyone Paul could corner to share it with. And Paul had a unique and remarkable intellect. He is remembered as studious and for his love of learning – often in great detail about anything that piqued his interest.

Paul loved his years at Brebeuf College School. Among the last to wear the brown blazer, Paul's Brebeuf tenure produced life-long friendships and inspiration for a life well lived. Paul was determined to graduate a Renaissance Man, a height of 6'4", and with a Coppertone tan. His Celtic genes limited the achievement of some of these goals, but Brebeuf helped lay the foundation for a life in pursuit of knowledge, sport and creativity. Paul thrived academically, captained the rugby team and played baritone in the band. Dedicated Brebeuf teachers make these formative years possible, and Paul's life was enriched by cherished Brebeuf friendships measured in decades.

Educated with a degree in Fine Mathematics from the University of Waterloo, his successful career in finance was testament to his intelligence, hard work, and determination. Paul will be remembered professionally in Toronto at The Bank of Montreal Investment Council; and Knight, Bain, Seath and Holbrook; and in New York at Omega Advisors.

Paul leaves three children: Hanna, James (Brebeuf, 2019) and Lily. Brother to Maureen (SJMP, 1987), Susan (SJMP, 1990) and Brian (Brebeuf, 1992). Brother-in-law to Sam Qubti and Sue Greco. Uncle to Sophie, Duncan, Ava, Mateo, Gina, Andrew, Mathew, Ryan and Erin. The family lovingly thanks and embraces Krista Brodhurst, Paul's partner in life in his final years, who brought him immense happiness and companionship, sharing a love of skiing, photography and cuisine. The loss of Paul is deeply felt. May his life be a reminder of the joy of learning and of new adventures while remaining true to yourself. His brain of this world may have failed but his spirit was stubbornly strong. Paul rests at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.



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## Memorial Tributes

**Michael Yates '81, 1962-2023** - Submitted by Steve McHale, Dennis Naraj '81

Mike Yates left us this summer, after a long and difficult battle with throat cancer. Witty to the end, he appreciated Norm Macdonald's assessment that you don't lose the fight with cancer, it's at least a tie. In Mike's case, though, it was the lasting effects of the treatment that got him.

The Brebeuf community knew Mike as a great classmate and friend. He came to Brebeuf in Grade 9 by way of St. Tim's, and the Sheppard 85 and Bayview 11 buses. He was in the band, played soccer and volleyball, was a regular at the annual talent show and the first cafeteria DJ, and said some of the funniest stuff we heard in high school.

Mike went on to college and a career managing a North American sales territory for a land survey company, but he never defined himself by his work. Instead, he measured himself by his relationships with the people around him.

He played hockey and baseball, filling out his skinny high school frame to become a dominating figure on the blueline and a power alley hitter. Later in life he took up painting, with admirable results, creating images of Elvis, Mick Jagger and Gord Downie, among others. Always, Mike focused on family. He was close to his parents and sisters, nieces and nephews. He had a son, Andrew, with his first wife Lynn, who passed away. He moved to Collingwood and married Julie, determined to live life to the absolute fullest, golfing when he could and calling whenever something funny struck him, or just because.

Some of the best times we'll ever have in life are those we spend driving, especially driving while young and restless – making up destinations, talking about girls, and listening to music. We had the good fortune to spend a lot of those times in Mike's mom's beige 240 DL Volvo, hearing music sound the loudest it could and the best it ever would, as we drove through the neighbourhoods around Bayview and Steeles, Springsteen on 11.

More than anything, Mike was a ridiculously good companion – full of life, smiles, kindness, and as funny as anybody we knew. Speak to 10 people who knew him and they'll each describe a singular relationship, unique to themselves and full of meaning. Mike had a special way of focusing on people: always remembering, always listening, and making them feel like they were the only ones in the room. His heart was bigger than his smile, hard though that might be to imagine.

As Mike used to joke: Vini, Vidi, Vici – I came, I been, I went. We'll miss him awfully.

### Joan Farrell

Long time Brebeuf staff member Joan Farrell passed away in June 2023.

Her three sons of **Enaame '94**, **Nnaumbua '00** and **Toussaint '89** all graduated from Brebeuf.

Joan Farrell was hired to teach Math and Science at Brebeuf and she did so with dedication, passion, patience, and humour until her retirement in the late 1990s. As some of her former students and colleagues recall:

"She was one of the best teachers I ever had. She taught math in a way that made sense. She commanded respect and discipline but also reciprocated it." – **Nassos Karakostas '92**

"She made me want to be a better student." – **Stephen D'Amico '92**

"I had her for Grade 9 science and I will remember her voice saying 'I'll take a conduct' when someone misbehaved." – **Paul Krevs '01**

"Joan had a huge heart and was lovely to work with." – Anne Johnston (former staff)

"The Brebeuf family was saddened to hear about the passing of Joan Farrell last June. I worked with Joan for many years and well remember her devotion to her students, especially those who struggled with Math. She always cared that no one was left behind. Brebeuf was a richer place for Joan's dedication, patience and warm smile." – **Michael Daoust '67**

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The Class of 1981 toasted the memory of their classmates Mike Yates at the 2023 Alumni Golf Tournament. L to r are John Younder, Ken Abbott, John Mullaly, Joe Robson, Mike Tynan (kneeling), Steve McHale, Brett Tanner & Bryon Disera



Lifelong friends Dennis Naraj '81 and Mike Yates '81



## Memorial Tributes

**Eric Mullaney '93** - Submitted by William Lee '93

I met Eric Mullaney sometime early September 1988. I do not remember exactly when, but my first recollection was standing at the base of the stairwell leading into the foyer of the cafeteria and having a conversation with Eric. We were talking about the classes we had and their locations. I got along very well with Eric. I think this was due to our introverted nature. I found Eric to be a calm and humorous person who was very connected with his faith journey.

One year, we had a spare at the end of one day which allowed us to leave early. On one of those occasions, a conversation I had with Eric while walking toward the bus stop resonated with me and has stuck with me all these years. On my second last visit to see Eric, I mentioned this moment to him and to his mother. Eric recalled that moment too. He asked me if I attended Mass regularly. I was a C&E person at that point in my life. I really didn't know how to respond to his query. He then mentioned he went regularly and would walk to Mass even when there was a lot of snow. His faith was genuinely shown in his interactions with me and with others.

After high school, we drifted apart until I found him on social media. We chatted, but it wasn't everyday as we were both quite busy with work. When we were online, we would go back and forth for quite awhile. It felt as though after an absence of several years, we continued where we left off after graduation from Brebeuf. He always said positive things even when I was going through issues in life, whether it was with my brother or with my dear wife. He always suggested ways to get out of the doghouse with the latter. He never took a side as we were all here for a short time and family was important to him. Eric deliberately chose to work at a location far from his home where he would be able to spend some time with his sister, Margaret, and her family. He also enjoyed his time camping with his nephews and nieces. His priority was family.

Eric's sense of humour was there right to the end. He told me to cry at his funeral. I told him in the last 10 years, I had only cried once and that was for our almost 21-year-old Melody back in the summer. He said, "You're overdue!"

On a numerous occasion, we talked about Jesus and God. Here are two thoughts he shared with me this past year:

**"William, just remember when you feel most alone, he's closer than you think."** We talked how we had no control when it came to leaving here and the strength of his faith. He also said at another time, **"I'm not scared. I have my Shepherd and if he calls me, I'm here,"** which truly demonstrated his faith in Jesus.

He reminded me that my faith was very strong in Jesus and God. His positive support has helped me through personal things.

I am reminded of a Gospel passage in the Bible where Jesus talks about entering the kingdom of heaven. Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble

like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Eric's approach to his faith was like that of a child. He trusted in Jesus. He trusted in God. In our conversations, he never doubted his faith. His wish was to "see each other in the new kingdom."

Eric is in the hearts of his family and friends. I am thankful I had the opportunity to tell him it was an honour to know him. He truly did his best to be a child of God. May God warmly welcome Eric into His kingdom and may Eric rest eternally with Jesus and God celebrating his first Christmas with them in heaven.



### Submit A Memorial Tribute

The Alumni Association welcomes your submissions of memorial tributes to recently deceased alumni and former staff.

Please contact **Frank MacGrath '82** [fmacgrath@gtigolf.com](mailto:fmacgrath@gtigolf.com) if you wish to submit such a tribute for the next newsletter.



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## Class of 1974 – 50th Anniversary

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(l to r) 1982 Alumni at the Order of Brebeuf – **Frank MacGrath**,  
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**Paul Lavin**, **Jamie Stafford**, **Tom Korte**



The Horgan family at the Order of Brebeuf ceremony including  
Phil '80 (Left), Greg '75 (2nd from L) and Pat '78 (4th from L).

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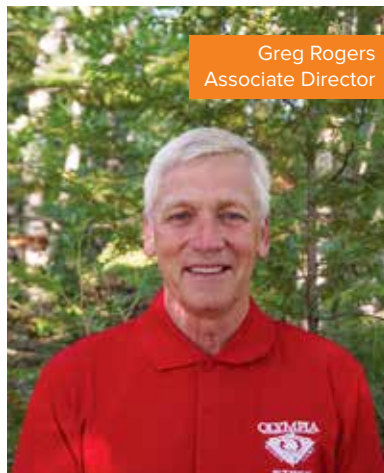
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