



# The RELATIONS

BREBEUF COLLEGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER ~ VOLUME 7, ISSUE 2 ~ FEBRUARY, 2010

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Lent and spring are just around the corner, and they both hint at the possibility of change. Students are wise to take stock of their progress in first semester, to continue working hard and if necessary, adjust their academic habits accordingly. The staff is here to help all live the spirit of our school motto, *Studio Gradum Faciant*, success through study.

Change can be difficult and Brebeuf has seen a few significant changes to its staff recently. The retirement of Mr. Michael Daoust and the promotions of Mr. Paul Adams and Mr. Tony Bellisario will not be easy to adjust to. They will be greatly missed and we wish them well. We are happy to welcome Mr. Joseph Sansone, our new Vice-Principal, Mr. Dan Found, Mr. Andrei Mera, and Mr. Alex Kolos.

As we approach the season of Lent, we are reminded of renewal. This is an important time to renew and improve our relationships with Christ and with those around us. We welcome the encouragement that parents provide for their sons to become more involved in the spiritual life of the school and to take advantage of the benefits of Catholic education that Brebeuf offers.

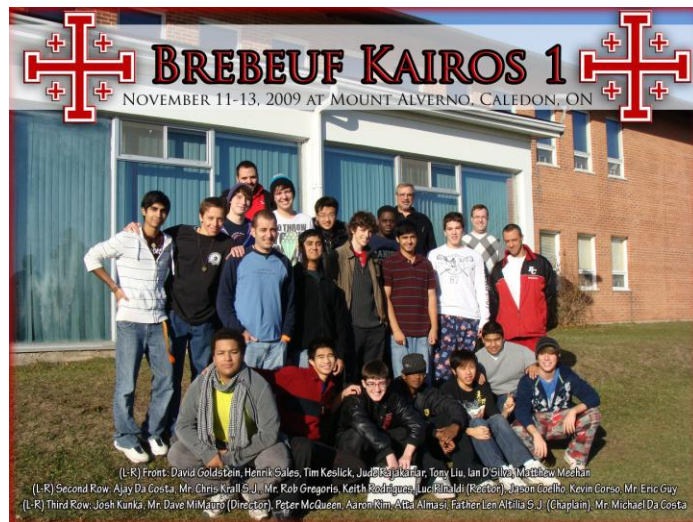
I hope all students and staff have a successful and rewarding second semester. God bless!

-- Mr. A. Azzopardi

*Jesuit Education hopes to form students who are "intellectually competent, open to growth, loving, religious and committed to service to others." These aims complement the ethos found in Presentation Brothers' schools. Hopefully in this edition of Relations you will see evidence of many experiences in the Brebeuf community which help your sons to achieve these aims.*

*Our newsletter's name comes from the letters that St. Jean de Brebeuf and his companions sent home to their Jesuit superiors in 17<sup>th</sup> century France. May our Relations also be a sign of good news "for the greater glory of God".*

*Michael Da Costa '92, Editor*



## KAIROS SUCCESS

The Jesuits assisted the staff of Brebeuf in establishing an Ignatian-inspired Kairos retreat Programme. Twenty students and four teachers attended **Kairos 1** at Mount Alverno in Caledon from November 11-13.

It was clearly evident that Kairos developed enthusiastic leaders, strong community bonds, greater brotherhood, and improved spirituality in all who attended.

Father Len Altília SJ, Director of Vocations, and Chris Krall SJ, scholastic, were actively involved in the planning of Kairos 1, along with Mr. Da Costa, Mr. DiMauro, Mr. Guy, Mr. Jenkins, and Mr. Gregoris. Brebeuf is now the fourth school in Canada at which the Jesuits have successfully initiated Kairos.

The school looks forward to the continued involvement of the Jesuits for **Kairos 2** at Manresa Retreat Centre, Pickering, from May 12-14. All Grade 11 students are welcome to attend. Special thanks to the Administration and the Brebeuf Alumni Association for their financial support of Kairos.

## CSUNA

On November 18-20, thirty-five Brebeuf students had the chance to solve the world's problems and debate issues affecting the planet. Ok, maybe not for real, but close! The Catholic Students' United Nations Assembly, hosted annually by St. Joseph's Morrow Park at the Catholic Education Centre, attracted 500 students from across the city and was a wonderful training ground for future diplomats and politicians.

# MEN FOR OTHERS

## WORKING FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE



Brebeuf's Social Justice Club is busy promoting social justice in our school and beyond. On December 11, our group hosted the annual Brebeuf Social Justice Symposium for high school students at St. Michael's College. Almost 300 from across the city attended to learn more about this year's theme: "Awareness of Unfairness: Helping the Homeless".

The day began with a Mass for the Homeless

celebrated in St. Basil's Church by Father Jim Webb S.J., a former Brebeuf teacher and now Provincial Superior of the Jesuits in English Canada. Hundreds of cans of non-perishable food were collected for the Good Shepherd shelter.



Students then heard from many speakers working for social justice for the homeless, including: Brother John Frampton OFM, Joey Ivory and John Bransfield from St. Francis' Table in Parkdale; City Councillor Joe

Mihev; Deacon Ron Jenkins of Chalice; and Laura Sky, producer of the new documentary "Home Safe Toronto". Following lunch students also had the chance to attend social justice workshops run by such groups as Development and Peace, Chalice, and Brebeuf students.

Almost \$2000 was donated to the following charities:

- \$500 – St. Francis' Table
- \$100 – St. Basil's Church
- \$100 – Our Lady of Lourdes Food Bank
- \$200 – Wychwood Doors Open
- \$200 – St. Michael's College
- \$500 – Home Safe Toronto
- \$100 – Chalice
- \$100 – Development and Peace

The aim of the day was for students to go back to their schools with ways of putting their faith into action and working for the common good.

## SHHH! VOW OF SILENCE

After attending the popular "Me to We" conference in the autumn, Brebeuf students were determined to do something good for our community and show that Brebeufians are indeed "men for others". Grade 11 students **Thomas Kahnert** and **Felix Wong** organized and planned a successful "vow of silence" in early December, whereby students promised not to speak for 24 hours and pledged money for St Francis' Table in Parkdale. This organization provides subsidized meals and support to the homeless. An astounding \$800 was raised within two days!

## CLUB BREBEUF



In November, for the fifth year in a row, Brebeuf's Atrium was transformed into the classiest of venues for the annual Club Brebeuf fundraiser. Many students

and staff from Brebeuf and SJMP entertained enthusiastic audiences and showed some of the amazing musical and comedic talent in our community.

The second night was open to the general public and saw the school become an adult-only "Vegas Casino", run by Brebeuf staff volunteers.

In all, over **\$10,500** was raised to support the Pulmonary Hypertension Society. Thanks to organizers **Mrs. Lavery** and **Mr. Adams**.

## CAN-AID



Once again, Brebeufians came to the aid of the Good Shepherd Refuge by raising over 10,000 tins of non-perishable food during the annual Can-Aid drive before Christmas. This was the 26<sup>th</sup> year that the school has



helped the homeless shelter on Queen Street to feed some of our city's citizens in need.

Although it is done for charity and to promote the school's "man for others" ethos, the spirit of competition does take hold. Homerooms competed for the coveted title of raising the most cans, and this year's winner was **Mr. Daoust's** homeroom.

Thanks to the **Youth Ministers** and **Mr. Lamb** for all of their hard work in this important initiative.

### BROTHER MAHER FUND



So far this year, Brebeuf has raised almost **\$2000.00** for the Brother Maher Fund for Africa, which supports St. Charles' School in Yendi, Ghana. Collections are held during homeroom every First Friday of the month after Mass. The annual Penny Drive for this cause will be held in May. Since 2006, the Brebeuf community has raised over \$17,000!

### PRAYERS

*Please keep the following in your prayers.*

\***Maria Costanza RIP**, grandmother of Mr. DiMauro.

\***Mike Murphy '69**, Vice-President of the NHL and former coach of the Toronto Maple Leafs, who is battling an illness. Uncle of Jonathan Murphy (Gr. 11).

\***John Pieroni RIP**, father-in-law of Mrs. Cathy Pieroni (Art Teacher)

\***Inez Robinson RIP**, aunt of Mr. Ryan.

\***Maria Santo RIP**, mother of Mr. Tony Santo.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### RAFFLE

The Brebeuf student community has not engaged in any significant fundraising for many years. In order to ensure that the school's equipment and facilities remain first-rate, a raffle is being held to raise \$20,000. Each student will be asked to sell \$20 worth of tickets (\$2 each) to family members and neighbours.

Some of the raffle prizes include:

- a \$4000 all inclusive trip four-day trip to Laguna Beach, California, including flights, hotel, and spa;
- Raptors tickets; a large-screen television; a netbook; and a \$100 Chapters certificate. Students will also have the chance to win incentive prizes.

We hope that the student body will show their support for their school by selling all of their tickets!

### CANADIAN CLUB

On December 4<sup>th</sup>, nine Brebeuf students and Mr. Da Costa travelled to the Metro Convention Centre downtown to attend a Canadian Club Luncheon and listen to guest speaker, The Honourable Tony Clement, speak on the state of the Ontario economy. Mr. Clement is the federal Minister of Industry.

After his talk, students were able to meet him personally and ask him questions about his talk. It was an educational day for all.

### WINTER ACTIVITY DAY



Brebeuf's Annual Winter Activity Day will take place on Friday, February 26. Students and staff will have a chance to beat the winter blues and strengthen the

community by participating in a wide variety of activities. These include: skiing, hockey, skating, bowling, Royal Ontario Museum, Art Gallery of Ontario, Playdium, table-tennis, movies, rock-climbing, and basketball. Students also have a chance to put their faith into action by volunteering at homeless shelters and seniors' homes.

We need to remind parents that this is not a day off school. Please encourage your son to sign up for an activity and help make the day a success.

## DEBATE

Brebeuf hosted a Pro-Con Debate tournament on November 28<sup>th</sup>. The topics were “Be It Resolved That Single Gender Schools Are Detrimental to Youth” and “Surveillance Cameras Should Be Installed In All Ontario Schools”. In the Junior Division, Brebeuf’s **Kristi Thellimi** received an Honourable Mention for his performance.

## STUDENT COUNCIL SUCCESS

Some recent Council initiatives have been:

- a sold out Hallowe’en Dance in October;
- the installation of flat-screen televisions for announcements and video game tournaments;
- the sale of school scarves and jackets;
- casual days for charity: Bro. Maher Fund, ShareLife, and Haiti relief;
- some movie nights;
- planning for a Semi-formal dance on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

## CHAPLAINCY UPDATE



The **First Friday Mass** in February was celebrated in the Brebeuf Chapel on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. The celebrant

was Father K. LeBlanc. Following the Mass, Father placed the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance on the altar and **Exposition** was held for the remainder of the day. The Exposition afforded many the opportunity to pray in the Lord’s presence and to ask for His blessing on our school community during this new semester.

Celebrations of the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** are a feature of life at Brebeuf during Advent and Lent in the Liturgical year of the Church. Already, twelve priests have offered to come for confessions in a few weeks. We are grateful to them for taking time out from their busy parish and school schedules. Lent will begin with **Ash Wednesday** on February 17. That morning two Masses will be celebrated in our atrium during Period 1. Ashes will be distributed at each Mass.

During **Lent**, the **rosary** will be recited each Friday morning beginning at 7:45 a.m. before the communion service at 8:00 a.m. The rosary will be recited by some teachers, members of the Brebeuf Youth Ministry and anyone who is interested in joining this prayer group.

**Retreats** for the Grade 10 Religion classes will begin on Tuesday March 30 at Manresa Jesuit Retreat Centre. Grade 11 World Religion students will visit various non-Catholic places of worship, helping students better understand and respect other religions and these visits will begin on April 14. Grade 12 class retreats commence on February 24 at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Retreat Centre in Mississauga.

**Les Donnes** (“the helpers”) are students who visit **Gibson House** every Tuesday to play bingo with the senior citizens. All students are invited to put their faith in action for one hour every Tuesday; come to the Chaplaincy office to sign-up!

This semester another nine students and two teachers from Brebeuf will be attending the **Salesian Leadership Retreat** at Jackson’s Point on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. Along with fifty other students across the Toronto Catholic District School Board, our students will have the opportunity to grow in a deeper relationship with God. (See article written by Luc in the *Catholic Register*)

On March 2, 2010 ten staff and students we will be attending the Ordinandi dinner given by Sierra International which recognizes the young men within the Archdiocese of Toronto who will be giving their life to Christ as new priests.

Blessings,  
Brebeuf Chaplaincy Team  
Brother Henry Spencer, Mr. Gregoris, Mr. De Miglio

## PRESENTATION BROTHERS CENTENARY & EDMUND RICE MASS



One hundred years ago the Presentation Brothers arrived in Canada to take up the call of many bishops to educate the young, just as they had done in Ireland since the days Edmund Rice founded the order in 1802. Brebeuf will celebrate this milestone achievement, as well as the Brothers’ twenty-fifth anniversary at our school, on the feast of Edmund Rice on May 5.

A Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel and the celebrant is **Father Winston Rye S.J.** Students who have worked towards the Blessed Edmund Rice Volunteer Awards will receive their certificates. There will then be a reception in the school’s atrium. Parents are welcome to attend and can RSVP to [rosemary.lavery@tcdsb.org](mailto:rosemary.lavery@tcdsb.org) or (416) 393-5508.



## ARTSFEST '09

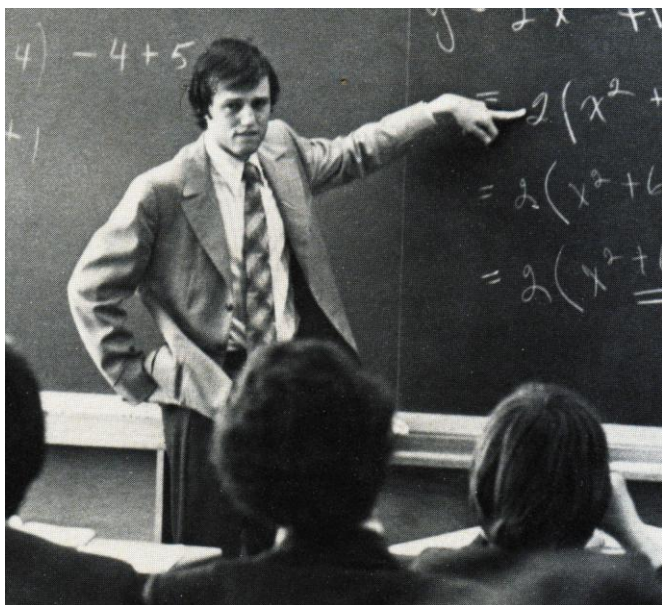


Brebeuf's Music, Art, and Drama departments presented an amazing show of our students' talents on December 10, 2009 and got the many parents and staff who attended into the Christmas spirit.

## STAFF NOTES

### BREBEUF LOSES SOME AMAZING STAFF

Brebeuf has been blessed with many outstanding staff since its inception, but sometimes teachers depart who have left such an indelible mark on the school that it is hard to imagine Brebeuf without them.



**Mr. Michael Daoust**, head of the Mathematics department, retired at the end of Semester One after teaching at Brebeuf for thirty-seven and a half years! In fact, he has been at Brebeuf since 1963 when the school opened and he was a Grade 10 student. Mr. Daoust was

in its first graduating class in 1967 and five years later returned as the first alumnus to teach at the school.

Brebeuf's reputation as one of Canada's top schools for mathematics stems in part from Mr. Daoust's high standards and commitment to the success of both gifted students and those who struggle with math. Over the years he has also been committed to Brebeuf's co-curricular programme of sports, clubs, and service. Two popular innovations he helped establish were the Nation System in the 1980s, a very successful intramural sports programme; and the BRIDGE project, which saw students volunteering in the community to help the elderly.

On February 7, present and past colleagues and alumni gathered for a special Mass and luncheon to celebrate Mr. Daoust's outstanding contributions to Brebeuf over five decades. The Mass was celebrated by one of his former teachers and co-workers, **Father Don Beaudois S.J.**

The school is establishing the Michael Daoust Award for Excellence in Mathematics in his honour and will present it to its first recipient at the Graduation Exercises in June.



**Mr. Paul Adams** is also an alumnus who returned to teach at his alma mater. In January, he became the new Vice-Principal of St. Patrick's Catholic Secondary School in the city centre.

After graduating from Brebeuf in 1971 and attending university, Mr. Adams taught music and mathematics at Brother Edmund Rice and Senator O'Connor. He was hired by Brother Maher in 1994 and quickly brought his considerable musical talents to the Music Programme and his commitment to the life of the school. He has directed many of Brebeuf's award-winning jazz and stage bands and helped run music trips across the continent. Mr. Adams was also one of the main organizers and founders of Club Brebeuf.

Mr. Adams writes, "Leaving Brebeuf was one of the most difficult decisions I have ever had to make. When you wake up and know you are going to be surrounded by a great staff, super students and a wonderful working environment, it doesn't get any better. The deciding factor suggesting change is one's personal growth. I felt the need to grow as an educator and accept new challenges to maintain my enthusiasm for work. The change has already proved to be a positive choice, but it will never override the feeling of missing everyone at Brebeuf. It is true... 'Once a Brebeufian, always a Brebeufian.' "



**Mr. Anthony Bellissario** “has left the building” to become the new Principal of James Cardinal McGuigan C.S.S. His firm but fair manner with students, rapport with staff, and his humour will all be missed. All we can say is “Thank you! Thank you very much!”

## AUSSIE HELLOS AND GOODBYES

Welcome back to **Mr. Anthony Cavaiola**, our drama teacher, who has been on exchange in Australia for the past year. He notes, “Australia was beautiful, and the people there were very welcoming. Now that I’m home and back at Brebeuf, I know that no one has it better than me. It takes stepping away from your life to realize how good it is.”

Brebeuf was sad to lose **Ms. Kirsten Beletich**, Mr. Cavaiola’s replacement since last January. In a short time, Ms. Beletich endeared herself to students and staff with her enthusiasm, commitment, and professionalism. She is back in New South Wales.

## WELCOME NEW STAFF



The Brebeuf community extends a very warm welcome to **Mr. Anthony Sansone**, our new Vice-Principal. Prior to his appointment at Brebeuf, Mr. Sansone was VP at St. Patrick’s C.S.S.

We are also happy to announce three new teachers on staff: **Mr. D. Found** (Music & Business); **Mr. A. Mera ’03** (Mathematics); and **Mr. A. Kolos** (Business).

## CSAC

The Brebeuf Catholic School Advisory Council has had a very productive first semester. Here is a brief update on its accomplishments:

### Donations

- We are once again supporting the Youth Ministry’s trip to the March for Life rally in Ottawa, with a donation of \$600.
- The CSAC will be purchasing resources for the Religion Department in order to contribute towards the teaching staff’s initiative to enhance the Grade 9 Religion programme.

- A Chapters gift card of \$100 has been donated by CSAC as a prize for the school raffle.
- Each school family received a fridge magnet with the August, 2009 mail-out which sets out the monthly CSAC meeting dates and important school information. These were purchased with the Parent Involvement Funds received from the Ministry of Education.

### Activities

- We are pleased to have Darlene Canton, one of our CSAC parents, participate as the CSAC representative on the Brebeuf Safe Schools Committee.
- The CSAC has had direct input into the drafting of a new traffic protocol policy which will be distributed to the school community in the near future.
- We will soon be commencing preparations for the second annual Used Uniform Sale which is scheduled to take place on Saturday, June 12, 2010.

There are three more CSAC meetings before the end of the school year. The meetings will take place in the school library at 7:00 p.m. on February 23, April 27 and May 25. All are welcome and we encourage you to attend.

## SPORTS

- \* The Brebeuf Bulls defeated G.L.Roberts ( 51-44 ), Cobourg West ( 60-44 ) and Gananoque ( 64-34 ) to win the 10 th Annual Trinity College Invitational Senior Tournament, held on January 8-9.
- \* The Junior Hockey Bulls are undefeated with eleven wins and no losses! The Senior team is in second place in its division.
- \* The Aqua Bulls took the winning title home from the Michael Power Invitational Swim Meet!
- \* The Senior Basketball team is currently 4<sup>th</sup> in its division out of twelve teams! The Juniors have two varsity teams and are 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> out of 15.

## CALENDAR CORNER

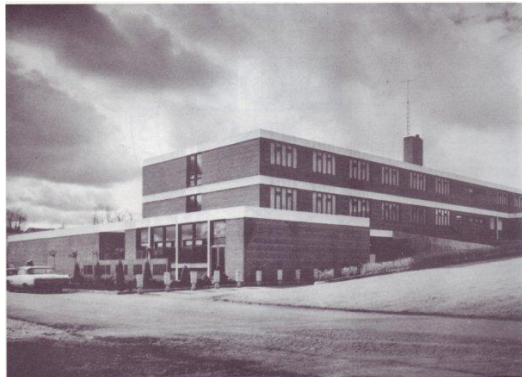
Feb. 5	+ First Friday Mass
Feb. 17	+ Ash Wednesday Mass
Feb. 23	CSAC Meeting & 7 p.m.
Feb. 25	Course Selections Due
Feb. 22-26	Spirit Week
Feb. 26	Winter Activity Day
Mar. 5	+ First Friday Mass
Mar. 15-19	March Break
Mar. 12-15	March Trip (France, Spain, Italy)
Apr. 1	+ Holy Thursday Liturgy
Apr. 2	+ Good Friday (no classes)
Apr. 5	+ Easter Monday (no classes)
Apr. 14	Jesuit Provincial’s Dinner
Apr. 15	Mid-term Report Cards issued
Apr. 16	School Dance
Apr. 22	Parent-Teacher Interviews
Apr. 27	CSAC Meeting @ 7 p.m.
May 5	+ Feast of Bl. Edmund Rice Mass at 7 p.m. Celebration of 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Presentation Brothers in Canada



# BREBEUF REFLECTIONS

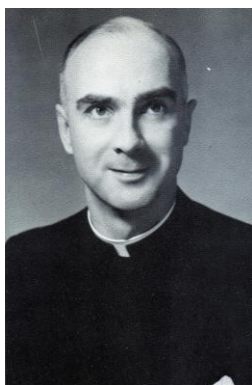
By Michael Daoust '67

*The following is a speech Mr. Daoust gave at the new building's Solemn Blessing in 2004. On his retirement, we reprint this beautiful summary of his Brebeuf experience.*



I've never considered myself to be a very nostalgic person but this weekend's celebrations have given me time to reflect on the past 40 years at Brebeuf.

My association with Brebeuf goes back a few months before it opened in September of 1963, because back in those days Brebeuf was a private school and prospective candidates for the new school were interviewed in advance.



And so let me take you back to a Saturday morning in May of that year when my Dad and I went to St. Edward's School on Spring Garden Avenue to meet with the new principal, Father Robert Meagher S.J. (left). My dad was a big Montreal Canadiens fan and Father Meagher was a Detroit Red Wings fanatic and for a few minutes they discussed how on earth the Leafs had managed to win the Stanley Cup that year. The conversation then turned to me and Father Meagher

asked me if I had any questions about the new school.

Naively I asked, "What does Brebeuf have to offer me?" How little did I know that Brebeuf would offer me and so many thousands of other young men the opportunity to learn in a Catholic environment surrounded by teachers dedicated to maximizing the potential of every student.

Of course, for me and a handful of others, Brebeuf has also meant teaching in a school that has become a way of life

The story of Brebeuf College was and continues to be one of academic excellence. The Jesuits Fathers of the early Brebeuf were wonderful teachers and along with a young and talented lay staff led by Vice-Principal Mr. Neil Gazeley, they skilfully shaped us into well-rounded students. Classes in Latin and Greek were part of a strong academic programme.

A highlight of those early years was an annual trip to Martyrs'



Shrine in Midland to visit the resting place of our patron, St. Jean de Brebeuf. Our hockey, basketball, and debating teams also made trips

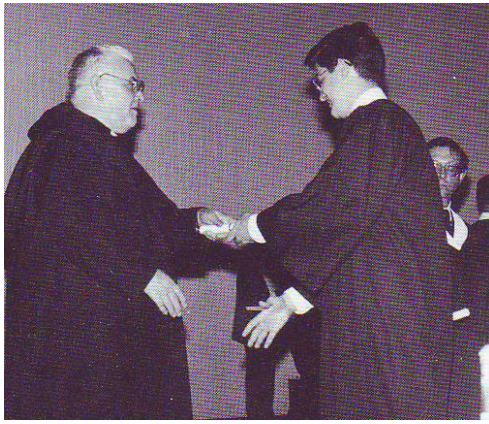
to Montreal for some friendly competition against Loyola High School. Theatre Brebeuf was born in 1966 thanks to the creativity of Jim Barry. Brebeuf very quickly became a vibrant school community with everything from a school newspaper to an intramural tackle football league.

Some of my personal memories as a student include walking through open muddy fields east of the school to get to class on time, being fascinated by Tom Sullivan as every day he took us to a different part of the world in his geography class, being amazed as I watched Jim Barry standing on top of his desk to teach us *Hamlet*. I also remember living in fear that Father Beaudois would ask me a question in chemistry class. I recall just having fun and learning lots of math with Lou Puccini, the man who inspired me to become a teacher. Other memories include brown blazers, shared science classes with St Joe's girls, departmental exams, Pere Toppings' French class, and Saturday morning JUGS (detentions).



If the sixties were about academics, then the seventies were about sports at Brebeuf. In 1972, Brebeuf hired a tall, skinny guy named Jim Hill and together with Joe Will, they forged outstanding football and basketball programmes at the school. Noisy pep rallies often preceded football games against arch rival St. Mike's and packed gymnasiums roared their approval with every home side basket by one of the Hubbard boys. And let's not forget our championship hockey team of the seventies as well as Jamie Stafford's long distance running and Frank Nutzenberger's gymnastics. The seventies also saw a band trip to Rome, lots of Brebeuf dances and of course winter carnival days when we played broomball on our outdoor skating rink.

The Jesuit tenure at the school came to an end in 1984. The Presentation Brothers, led by Brother Lawrence Maher (next page left), took over and brought with them a new perspective. If it can be said that the Jesuit Fathers taught us how to think with our minds, then the Brothers taught us how to love with our hearts.



In 1987, Brother Maher invited Brother Jerome Kelly, the Superior General of the Brothers, to come from Ireland to speak to both the Staff and students at Brebeuf. Brother

Jerome challenged us to replace our trophies with our compassion, to replace our spirit of competition with a spirit of generosity. A few months later, BRIDGE (Bringing Relief in Doing and Giving to the Elderly) was launched as scores of students and Staff took to the streets of Toronto to beg for money to fund the project. I'll never forget standing at the corner of Yonge and Dundas with a group of students, tin cups in hand, asking pedestrians to make a donation. What a humbling experience it was, but from it came yard work and renovations for seniors, visits to nursing homes, young men caring for others in their community. Les Donnes came into being along with Can-Aid and VICS. Brother Maher's spirit of generosity came alive in the Brebeuf family.

The eighties were also the golden era of Grade 13 Floor Hockey as Monday nights at Brebeuf took on a very special meaning. Jim Hill used to kid that floor hockey wasn't a real sport. But on Tuesday mornings, those bruises on my legs certainly real and so were the friendships that formed between students as they tried, usually in vain, to beat the Staff team. Staff-student softball games on the lower field were a sure sign of spring back in those days and the Staff infield of Hill at first, Barry at second, Lato at short and Will at third was a thing of beauty. And who could forget the



outfield of Hollie Doyle in centre, flanked by Mike Strimas in left and Father Toppings or Father Trainor in right. Yes, they were great times.

With help of Frank MacGrath and John

Warecki, the Nation System was born in 1980, an intramural program which involved hundreds of students having fun on short order Tuesdays, a system which re-emerged this year under the direction of Alex Sabatini.

Brebeuf came of age in the eighties with the inception of our Alumni Association. The face of Brebeuf also began to change as Ailix Will was joined by a growing number of female teachers.

The nineties were a time of rapid growth at Brebeuf. With almost 1200 students by 1992, there were more students in portables than ever before. It was a decade when rugby was king, when school plays were spectacular, and when our math teams began dominating the Toronto Catholic Board. It was

a time of badminton championships, semestering, Camp Olympia, the new curriculum, golf shirts and plans for a new school. It was also a time of transition with the first of many Staff retirements, the appointment of our first lay principal, Joe Brisbois in 1997, and of course our exodus to Bathurst Heights.

And now we've finally made it back to a new school complete with new technology, new Staff, and new possibilities.

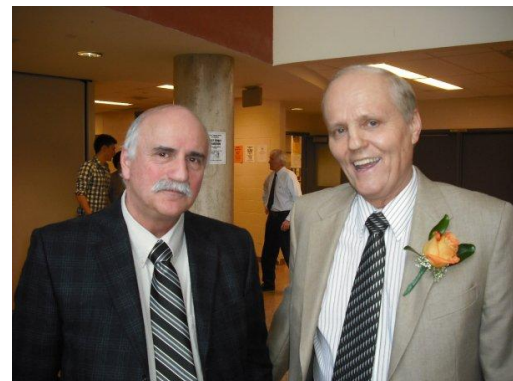
As I look back over forty years, I realize what a privilege it has been to teach and work alongside of so many fine men and women.



Brebeuf has been blessed with the vision of Bob Meagher, the wisdom of Neil Gazeley, the gentleness of Father Crusoe, the faith of Father Casey, the dedication of Father Rye and Brother Spencer,

the generosity of Brother Maher, the caring of Father Toppings, the warmth of Father Trainor, the optimism of Tom Sullivan and Peter Lee, the karate chop of Don Clattenburg, the charisma of Father Beaudois, the passion of Jim Barry, the leadership of Joe Will and Lou Puccini, the slapshot of Greg Rogers, the compassion of Bob Lato, the professionalism of Hollie Doyle and Dan DiRocco, the loyalty of Frank MacGrath and Jim Morris, the integrity of Stan Kosior and Mike McSharry, the humble service of Tony Tersigni and Leo Cornacchia, the courage of Paul Adams. I know this list could go on. In fact, over 250 men and women, including my older sister, have taught at Brebeuf, each person weaving his or her own unique thread into the Brebeuf tapestry.

In closing, I would like to add one final thought. It is true that the roots for Brebeuf College go back to 1963. But the real roots of this school go back some 400 years to the person of our patron St. Jean de Brebeuf. Brebeuf was a man of courage, a man of faith, a man for others. Ekon has been here to share in our good times and to help carry some of the load in the difficult times. As a result of his intercession and his patronage, Brebeuf College is indeed a school with a difference, a school that I am so very proud to be a small part of.



Bob Lato '68 (former staff) and Mike Daoust '67