



# The RELATIONS

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## ORDER OF ST. JEAN DE BREBEUF



The Brebeuf Alumni Association is pleased to announce the inaugural Inductees to the Order of St. Jean de Brebeuf, which honours

those teachers (past and present), students, benefactors, and alumni who have demonstrated excellence, the “Man for Others” principle, and service to the Brebeuf community and beyond in an exemplary manner. They are:

***Paul Clancy '79***

***O'Neil P. Gazeley***

***Marc Kielburger '94***

***Father Brian Massie S.J. (posthumously)***

***Brother Henry Spencer F.P.M.***

This is the highest honour that can be granted to a member of the Brebeuf Family. A Mass and Dinner were held on May 5 at 5:00 p.m. to honour the Inductees.



## CAMP OLYMPIA

A dedicated team of Brebeufians led students from across the board at the annual Camp Olympia Leadership camp in May. This three-day event helped to train and inspire older students from all TCDSB schools to run orientation camps for their schools' incoming Grade 9 students.

In fact, Brebeuf was the pilot school for this programme twenty years ago when **Greg Rogers '72**, a former teacher, established it. The theme for this year's camp was “The Evolution of Leadership: Can You Adapt?”. As Greg himself notes:

“The vision, the planning, the implementation of the 20th anniversary of The Camp Olympia Leadership weekend inspired all participants to learn more, do more and become more. The core team reminded me how proud I am to call myself a graduate and a teacher from Brebeuf. Thank you gentlemen for the positive influence you have had on others. Be proud of the legacy you leave in student leadership.”

The participants were: M. Amini, R. Dergalstanian, L. Gatti, S. Houghton, F. KanKam, M. Kmiec, A. Kowasoe, Mr. R. Loh, A. McLean, J. Miceli, M. Rychlewski, E. Springer, Mr. M. Rogers, M. Tonello, Ms. R. Zeppieri.

## RETIREE FAREWELLS!

The Staff, Students and Alumni of Brebeuf College wish to congratulate our retirees and thank them for many decades of service. They will be missed and we wish them all the best!

*Phil Briganti (1987-2012)*

*Leo Cornacchia (1992-2010)*

*Tony Santo (1989-2012)*

## VICE-PRINCIPAL CHANGES

**Mr. Joseph Liscio** is being transferred to Senator O'Connor College School. We wish him luck in his new role and thank him for all he has done for our students and staff.

We also extend a sincere welcome to **Ms. Nadia Young**, who will be our new Vice-Principal. Ms. Young was recently working as a Literacy Resource Teacher with the TCDSB's Student Success department. We hope that she will quickly feel part of our Brebeuf family and enjoy her new role.

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Zvon Marinic** (staff) whose wife gave birth to a baby boy, Aaron.

Staff marking their Twenty-Fifth Anniversaries at Brebeuf: **Michael Rogers, John Murphy, Brad Ryan, and Phil Briganti.**

*The Relations* is the official newsletter of Brebeuf College School.

It takes its name from the letters that St. Jean de Brebeuf S.J. and his Jesuit confreres sent home to their superiors in 17<sup>th</sup> century France. It is published four times per year to inform the Brebeuf community of the many good things occurring at our school.

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## PRAYERS

Please keep the following in your prayers:

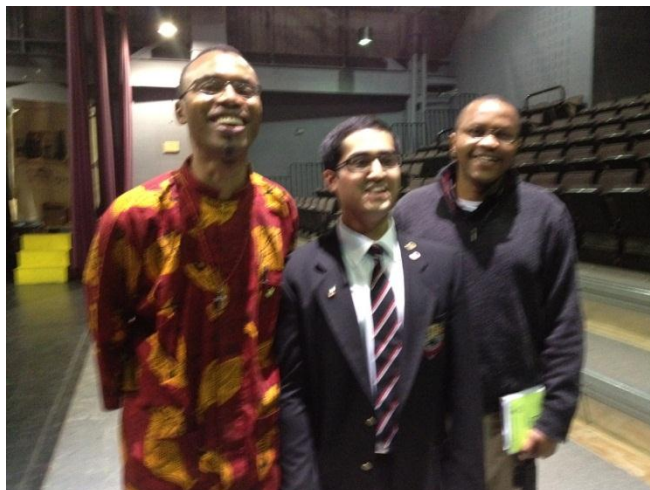
- + **Ms. Nada Sego**, staff, who recently lost her father, Ivan, and brother, Zlatko.
- + **Jacques Carron**, former staff.
- + **Leo Cornacchia**, former staff.
- + **Fr. Jim Webb S.J.**, Jesuit Provincial and former staff, who is ill.

## MEN FOR OTHERS

### SOCIAL JUSTICE DAY

As Catholics we are called to work for social justice at all times, but sometimes it's important to take time from our schedules to reflect and pray about what we can do to make our world a better place. **Father A. Orobator S.J.**, the Jesuit Provincial for Western Africa, visited Brebeuf and spoke to the students as part of Social Justice Day on May 2. Students from several other TCDSB schools joined us to listen to Father's inspirational talk on life in Africa and its challenges and successes. Attendees also heard presentations from Canadian Jesuits International and some of our students who have participated in recent service trips to Ghana and St. Lucia.

A video of Father's presentation can be seen on YouTube under "Father A. Orobator, S.J. Speaks at Brebeuf".



## GRADUATION AWARDS

### **The E.J. Barry Renaissance Award**

Michael D'Agostino

### **The O'Neil P. Gazeley Scholarship**

Nicholas Hung

### **The Brebeuf Benefactors' Award**

Elijah Springer

### **The Michael Brown Memorial Award**

Michael Rychlewski

### **The Brother Lawrence Maher F.P.M. Award**

Justin Miceli

### **The Catholic Student Award**

Melroy Menezes

### **The Joe Will Award**

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### **The Peter Knopfel '81 Memorial Scholarship**

Keith Rodrigues & Spencer Houghton

### **Man for Others Award**

Emanuel Sterling

### **Valedictorian**

Keith Rodrigues

### **Presentation Brothers' Award**

Mathias Castaldo

### **Father St. Clair Monaghan S.J. Award**

Matthew Tonello

### **Jim Peterson Parliamentary Award**

Spencer Houghton

### **Visual Arts Award**

Leo Liu

### **Theatre Brebeuf Award**

Dillon Chin

### **Joseph Younder Debating Award**

Keith Rodrigues

### **Jim Morris '77 Journalism Award**

Paul Gagliese

### **Michael Tomaszek '82 Music Award**

Melroy Menezes

## Salutatorians

Michael Rychlewski & Justin Miceli

## O.E.C.T.A. Award

Justin Canton

## PENNY DRIVE



From May 1-4 the PresLink group held a homeroom Penny Drive in aid of the Presentation Brothers' missions in Ghana, St. Lucia, and Nigeria. \$429 was raised, and every penny counts.

## SCHOOL LIFE

### MATH SUCCESS

**Darren Pereira (Gr. 11)** ranked first in the TCDSB for two prestigious mathematics contests open to students from across Canada: the Fermat Math Contest and the Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge. Congratulations Darren!

### WIFI

Brebeuf now has wifi (wireless internet) in all areas of the school. Students with laptops or netbooks can log in using their school-issued logins and passwords. This will help students and staff to integrate technology better into learning and teaching experiences.

### GHANA 2013



Brebeuf is sponsoring a March Break leadership and service trip to Ghana in West Africa in 2013.

Twenty students and four supervisors will volunteer their time working in the Presentation Brothers' schools in Ghana. Students can earn two credits: Gr. 11 Leadership and Gr. 12 Interdisciplinary Studies (University Level). Contact Mr. Rogers at [Michael.rogers@tcdsb.org](mailto:Michael.rogers@tcdsb.org) or 416 393 5508 if your son is interested.

# ORDER OF BREBEUF HOMILY

By Father J. Winston Rye S.J.

"I am the vine, you are the branches." These words of Jesus remind us that there is no such thing as a solitary Christian. Every Christian is linked to Christ and to every other Christian by an invisible bond. This bond is very precious. Often in times of danger, difficulty and sorrow, people draw closer to each other. All barriers which seemed to be there before now fall down and these people now rely on one other.

Sometimes, people who have travelled along this life side by side for years, each locked up in his or her silent world, or exchanging words that carry no real significance, stand shoulder to shoulder when danger comes. They discover they belong to the same family of humans.

This is what Jesus is saying to us by the words: "I am the vine, you are the branches." Happiness is not to be found in possessions or in achievements, but in the warmth of human relationships. Jesus tells us that we should not wait until some danger comes to experience this special bond, rather it should be the climate we live in each and every day.

St. Augustine describes this bond when he says: "His disciples, however, do not dwell in Christ in the same way Christ dwells in them. In either case, the benefit is theirs, not his. If the branches are attached to the vine, it is not to confer any advantage on the vine; it is rather that the branches themselves may draw their sustenance from the vine ... in the same way Christ's presence in his disciples and their presence in him both profit the disciples rather than Christ. If a branch is cut off, another can grow from the life-giving root; but once severed from the root no branch can remain alive."

Jesus wanted all his followers to realize that they are dependent on God and on each other. Out of this dependency, they are to form a community of love. The first Christians were known by what they lived: "see how they love one another."

This is what motivated St. Jean de Brebeuf and his companions. They knew that they were called to be united to Christ, to all Christians and to all peoples. Their lives were to be lived for others. They were called to be "Men for Others." They believed the best way to do this was to bring the Word of God to the ends of the world - to those who had never heard the Good News. Brebeuf lived this out: leaving the comfort of his homeland, undertaking the dangerous voyage to Quebec, living in poverty, among a people he had never heard of, even willing to give his life, in order to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Even having a premonition of his own death, he does not flee or hide, but takes up the cross that will be his to bear. All because he believed the words of Jesus: "I am the vine and you are the branches."

This is what the Order of Saint Jean de Brebeuf is all about. There is a long list of values and ideals describing those who are named as members of this special Order – discipline, integrity, hard work, humility, excellence, success, the Magis, which means the more, selflessness, faith, friendship and community – these are the goals of the school and more importantly they are what Jesus is asking of each of us. In a true sense, the Order is a sign of our connectedness with Christ and with one another.

Some may say that I could never achieve such a lofty goal. You are right, we cannot do it on our own, but only with the help of Christ Jesus, who says to us: "whoever abides in me and I in them bears much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing."

This brings us back to our need to be united with Jesus in order to reach out to those around us. The longer I live, the more I see the centrality of the cross. Upon the cross is Christ and it is made up of a vertical bar, expressing our relationship with God the Father and a horizontal bar, expressing our reaching out to the world around us. All centred on Christ Jesus who is upon the cross and it is through Him that we reach the Father and it is through Him that we reach others. The symbol of the cross becomes more and more central as I reflect on who I am and where I am called as a Christian, a follower of Jesus.

Today, we gather to honour five persons – Neil Gazeley, Br. Henry Spencer, Paul Clancy, Mark Kielburger and Fr. Brian (Buzz) Massie. The Order of St. Jean de Brebeuf is symbolic of how these five persons grounded in Christ Jesus, have reached out to others which we will hear more about later. Let us not forget that we, you and I, are called to live out our own relationship with God the Father and with our neighbour – called to live out the great commandment of love given to us and lived by Jesus the Christ. Let us pray for the grace to do this.

## ESSAY CONTEST WINNER

The winning entry in the “400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Jesuits in Canada Essay Contest” was written by **Pierre Leger**, a Grade 10 Brebeuf student. The contest was sponsored by Brebeuf and the Jesuits in English Canada to celebrate this milestone in the history of the Jesuits in our country.

The topic was “What is the greatest contribution of the Jesuits to the Church in the past 400 years in Canada?” The contest was open to students from several Jesuit and former Jesuit schools across Canada, including Loyola (Montreal), St. Paul’s (Winnipeg), St. Bonaventure’s (St. John’s), Regiopolis (Kingston), and Brebeuf. You can read Pierre’s excellent essay at

<http://brebeufgifted.yolasite.com/essay>

## SPIRIT WEEK 2012!



## MARCH BREAK TRIP 2013: Germany, Italy and Switzerland



Brebeuf College is pleased to announce that a 10-day March Break excursion for the 2012-2013 school year is planned for *Germany, Italy and the Switzerland*. This trip is open to all students from grades 9-12; their friends and families.

This excursion includes a two night stay in each of these cities Munich, Venice, and Lucerne Region, and a one night stay in Rothenberg, and Heidelberg.

Also included is an excursion to experience Neuschwanstein Castle, Mount Pilatus, Dachau, and the Heidelberg Castle wine barrel and 6 sightseeing tours led by licensed local guides: Munich(2), Venice, Rothenberg, Heidelberg. Accommodation, all breakfasts and dinners are also included.

The cost of this excursion is \$3030.00 per student and \$3,420.00 for adults.

If you, your son or friend are interested in participating in this March Break excursion, a \$500.00 deposit with the registration form is due to Mr. De Miglio as soon as possible. This guarantees the tour price. (Departure taxes are subject to change.)

Payment can be made with a cheque (payable to EF Tours) or credit card. The balance is due on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. Medical insurance will be required. This can be purchased through EF Tours or through an independent insurance company. Baggage and/or cancellation insurance are optional.

For further information, please contact *Mr. De Miglio* at 416 393-5508 vm 80020 or at: [sergio.demiglio@tcdsb.org](mailto:sergio.demiglio@tcdsb.org)

## THE ST LUCIA EXPERIENCE

*By Darren Pereira*



*From March 8-19, a group of Brebeufians and other students travelled to St. Lucia for a service*

*and leadership experience in conjunction with the Presentation Brothers. -- Editor*

Service can be defined as an act of helpful activity or aid. Although such service can take a number of forms, many people imagine service trips as feeding the poor or building schools and other institutions in poor, third-world countries. This service is amazing work, but service is not limited to just this, as we learned when we went to St. Lucia.

There were no schools to build, and the citizens were leading normal lives. There were roads, houses, and buildings, and extreme poverty was not something we encountered during our time there. However, the service we contributed was valuable and is sometimes missing in our own daily lives. Our service was simple – to love the people we worked with and to bring joy to the people around us.

In what we did, we acted out St. Thérèse de Lisieux's philosophy of doing little things with great love. During the day, we would work at the Centre for Adolescent Renewal and Education (CARE). We did small things, like repainting the inside and outside of the warehouse that was CARE, working with the CARE trainees and getting to know them, preparing to work with the CARE trainees in an elementary school, and so on. We spent some days teaching and working with elementary students, as well as an entire morning with them in an elementary school Olympic event. As a large group and family, we Canadians would get together at night to reflect on the day's work and sometimes prepare for the work ahead of us the next morning.

However, as Blessed Mother Teresa said, "The miracle is not that we do this work, but that we are happy to do it." For some people, running around and playing sports with a group of thirty elementary students in the hot sun would be a large test of patience, and sometimes working with the CARE trainees would be difficult for us as well. Nevertheless, we were always joyful in our work and always approached each day with enthusiasm and positivity. As the days rolled by, we noticed similar behaviour from the CARE trainees, who barely knew us when we arrived but tried their hardest to keep us from leaving on our final days. The change in them was great to see, as results are always the best motivation.

What made this change in them possible was the love and joy we showed as we worked with them. One moment I vividly remember was painting a washroom in the warehouse with Richelle (a Canadian student) and a St. Lucian CARE trainee whose name we did not know yet. We were singing together, laughing together, and enjoying painting the walls together, when Richelle and I asked him what his name was. He replied in his St. Lucian accent, so we did not understand and asked him to spell it. He simply said that he did not know how to spell.

The CARE trainees were all youth who had not been successful in school. Yet, despite the gap we had in terms of education, we were able to connect on a much deeper level – on the level of human friendship. A smile, a hug, a handshake – none of these gestures required an education to understand. No accent, cultural difference, or age difference could act as a barrier to the language of friendship that both we and the CARE trainees spoke. That was the deeper level of our communication and the core of our service: to greet them with our smiles and change them with our love.

As St. John of the Cross said, "Where there is no love, put love, and you will find love." And so it was with our work and service. We have returned now after witnessing the transforming power of love, and continue to share this love with one another. In the end, what matters more is not the work we do, but the love with which we do it.



**Sharing our Canadian culture!**



**Brebeuf and CARE students teaching the younger ones**



**Giving the students a day of fun at the Olympic games**



**Repainting the CARE centre**



**Presenting the school with a gift of a photocopier**



**Opening festivities at the CARE centre**

***Men for Others***

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## SPORTS UPDATE

### 2012 Athletic Awards

#### **Senior Athlete of the Year**

Marc Rasing

#### **Junior Athlete of the Year**

Vincent Wood

#### **Rookie of the Year**

Nick Clauser

#### **Badminton**

Senior: Philip Lau

Junior: Marc Viado

Bantam: Fazel Lavalee

#### **Baseball**

Varsity: J.P. Cultrera

#### **Basketball**

Junior: Mark Vilar

Senior: Jamal Badu

#### **Cross Country**

Midget: Anthony Martorino

Junior: Liam Perry

Senior: Elijah Silva

#### **Curling**

Competitive: William Kim

Recreational: Jason Stoodley

#### **Flag Football**

Jadayne Moody

#### **Golf**

Andrew Mills

#### **Hockey**

Junior: Michael Perciasepe

Senior: Matthew Mesec

Joe Sinopoli Award: Stuart Mackinnon

#### **Rugby 7s**

Junior: Marcello Wainright

Senior: Jake Moreau

#### **Rugby 15s**

Junior: Callum Kitching

Senior: Jake Moreau

#### **Soccer**

Junior: Jhon Caballero

Senior: Marek Kmiec

#### **Swimming**

Open: Alex Mierzynski

Senior: Kevin Chiu

Midge: Paul Lavado

#### **Table Tennis**

Junior: Jeffrey Lung

Senior: Simon Urbanc

#### **Tennis**

Junior: Nicolai Timofte

Senior: Joshua Paul

#### **Track and field**

Midget MVP: Nicholas Clauser

Junior MVP: Paul Bae

Senior MVP: Marc Rasing

#### **Volleyball**

Senior– Matt Tonello

Junior – Vincent Wood

### 2012 RENAISSANCE MAN WINNERS

The Renaissance Man Distinction recognizes students who are well-rounded and active in many areas of school life, including academics, athletics, service, and leadership.

#### **Senior Letter**

Houghton, Spencer (12); Hung, Nicholas Hoi Ling (12);

Jurak, Martin (12); Lau, Philip (12);

Lawunahewage, Williamsilva (12); Noitsis, Timothy (12);

Johnson-Skinner, Ethan (12); Kudolo, Prince (12);

Tonello, Matthew (12); D'Agostino, Michael (12);

Lai, Winfield (11); Bulan, Froyd Jerill C. (11); Lau, Bernard

(11); Cheung, Jason (11); Kim, Brian (11); Pabandero, Carl

Aaron (11)

#### **Junior Letter**

Charles, Simeon (10); Larocca, Marco (10); Shibata, Paul (9);

Sembakuttige, Kalana (9)