



OUR LADY OF CHARITY ALUMNI UPDATE



(ABOVE) 5TH GRADERS IN MS. BIRCH'S CLASS LEARN ABOUT PLANT LIFE IN CLASS

A Minute with Mr. Martin

Dear Alumni!

I am very excited to see our first issue of the "Alumni Update" in print. Reaching out and connecting with our OLC alumni has been a goal for quite some time - I am happy to see it being accomplished.

Many exciting things have been happening at Our Lady of Charity School over the last 15 months. Please let me list just a few of them:

- Through the expansion of our pre-K program and effective marketing, we experienced an enrollment increase of **60 students** over the last two school years!
- We were very pleased to completely overhaul our computer lab by adding 24 brand new Apple

iMac computers to give our students a competitive education in technology. We also hardwired our whole building with CAT6 line and added 40 in-classroom computers.

- Through the generosity of many different people we have formed a Board of Specified Jurisdiction that is helping us to develop a strategic plan for the future of Our Lady of Charity School.
- We have also expanded our staff! Katie Olson is our dedicated site administrator, working directly with our teachers to improve our curriculum. Tom Byrne was hired as our Director of Development. He works with the school staff and the Board to promote fundraising

and marketing of the school. He is also our alumni liaison.

Along with our accomplishments, we've also had some setbacks recently. The severe summer flooding in Cicero and Berwyn hurt many area homes as well as Our Lady of Charity School. The tile on the first floor of the school and in Halpin Hall had to be removed because of the damage. We are now in the process of replacing it.

We look forward to keeping in touch with you in the future. Please let us know what you're up to!

Sincerely,

Clement V. Martin
Executive Director

OLC Alumni Reunion a Big Success!

On September 18th, 2010 a great crowd of alumni from Our Lady of Charity School came together for a reunion. The event began with the 5:00pm Mass at Our Lady of Charity Church, where more than a few people remarked that "the pews were different!" Following Mass, the graduates walked into the school and "down memory lane." Many people said that this was the first time they had been back to the school since the day they left it on graduation! Well, we're happy they came back!

A gathering was held at Michael Anthony's restaurant in Berwyn, where even more people showed up. All in all,

it was a great time to reconnect and catch up with old friends, classmates, and neighbors. Special recognition goes to Geralyn Kras, who traveled all the way from Tennessee to come to the reunion.

Very special thanks to Bob Cline (Class of 1973) and Maureen Sullivan Bozek (Class of 1978) for their hard work in bringing the reunion together. Let's all try to get in touch with our classmates as we start to get ready for next year's reunion.



**(BELOW) ALUMNI GATHERED
IN HALPIN HALL
REMEMBERING FRIDAY
ROLLERSKATING PARTIES!**



OLC FRIENDS



Photos

Do you have alumni photos to share for the next edition of the "Alumni Update"? Old or new - it doesn't matter! Help us to share the fun and the memories.

Contact Tom Byrne at
tbyrne@olc-school.org

OLC Facebook!

Join the alumni Facebook group to stay connected with classmates!

Just search for:

Our Lady of Charity Cicero, IL



Pastor's Corner

For those of you whom I didn't meet at the OLC reunion, my name is Fr. Mark Bartosic. I was named pastor of Our Lady of Charity in July 2009. The sixteen months since then have flown by, as I learn about this special place and do my best to lead it forward.

"YOUR LOVE FOR OUR LADY OF CHARITY WAS ELECTRIC!"

Our Catholic School is very near to my heart because of the incredible opportunity it offers us to teach our children the Catholic faith. The faith and education that accompanies it will give them the tools they need to engage the world in the future.

I very much enjoyed meeting those of you who came to the alumni Mass and party at Michael Anthony's. It was wonderful to see so many graduates of Our Lady of Charity gathered together. Your love for Our Lady of Charity was electric!

I hope you'll stay connected to us, wherever you are. Know that you always are welcome at OLC.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Rev. Mark A. Bartosic
Pastor



ALUMNI ONLINE

OUR NEW WEB PAGE IS THE PLACE TO KEEP YOUR ALUMNI INFORMATION UP TO DATE AND FIND OUT ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING. ENCOURAGE YOUR CLASSMATES TO SIGN UP!

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**[WWW.OLC-SCHOOL.ORG/
ALUMNI-REGISTRATION.HTML](http://WWW.OLC-SCHOOL.ORG/ALUMNI-REGISTRATION.HTML)**



SILENT AUCTION

OUR LADY OF CHARITY WILL HOST ITS 2ND ANNUAL SNOW BALL DINNER DANCE ON JANUARY 29, 2011. THIS IS OUR LARGEST ANNUAL FUNDRAISER FOR THE SCHOOL AND WE'RE LOOKING FOR SILENT AUCTION ITEMS. PLEASE CONTACT TOM BYRNE (708-287-3805) IF YOU'D LIKE TO HELP.



PRAYER LIST

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE FOLLOWING OLC ALUMNI:

TOM STEINKE (1978)

PETE STEINKE (1979)

PLEASE EMAIL TOM BYRNE (TBYRNE@OLC-SCHOOL.ORG) TO ADD A NAME TO THE LIST.



(ABOVE) CLASS OF 1973
AT THE REUNION



A FINAL WORD

It was a pleasure to meet so many of you at the Alumni Reunion in September! I look forward to working with you and getting to know more of you as we look forward to next year's reunion.

We love to hear from our alumni! Let us know what you've been up to in your years since OLC.

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