



# Blessing of the New School Building

## April 7, 2010

### Where were you on that grey, cool day, February 11, 1953?



I know that many fellow alumni were not even a gleam in your father's eye, okay, some of you, in your grandfather's eye. I also know that some of you were with me, one of the many students from the parishes that would support and feed the brand new Notre Dame Central High School, watching His Grace, Archbishop Duke bless the Archdiocese' "pride and joy". At a recent 50th Reunion, the sentiment repeated over and over was how we wished we had been more mature and could have known. We wish we could have known then, the influence Notre Dame would have on who we would eventually be. We weren't and we didn't, but we do now.

As far as the original school is concerned, it was built at a cost of \$238,000 and in truth was constructed along the simplest and most functional lines possible. There were no frills, not even on the Sisters' habits. For us, the first students, it was perfect. If the Archdiocese was fortunate in having the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of Halifax staff the new school, the students were equally blest. In retrospect, I can honestly say that every student who ever passed through Notre Dame's doors "lucked out" because these Sisters would set the foundation for the future. In particular, credit must be given to Sr. Alice Michael, Notre Dame's first Principal. She was, without a doubt, an administrator "par excellence". She believed that a school should educate the whole person and with her awesome intelligence, foresight and energy, she implemented the structure on which all future Principals would build.



The 50's were the beginning .....56 years later, a huge new step is about to be taken.

### Where will you be on April 7, 2010?

Same place, I hope; only this time with our children and their children who will be the students fortunate to enjoy this the **"most expensive project ever undertaken by the Archdiocese of Vancouver"**.

Will they enjoy it as much as we did?  
*I don't know but I really hope so.*

Will they appreciate it as much as they should?  
*That would be great, but not likely!*

Like us, they will probably have to be a bit older to know the part this school would play in who they are.





# Phase I

## The Academic Wing

- 52,900 square feet
- Begin moving in, first week of April
- Blessing scheduled for April 7, 2010

## MAIN FLOOR

- 8 regular classrooms
- 4 large science labs
- Main office and 3 administration offices
- 2 department offices
- Teacher's work room
- Washrooms

## UPPER FLOOR

- 8 regular classrooms
- A plus size library with meeting rooms and work place
- 2 Business Ed. Classrooms
- 1 Special Ed. Classroom
- 6 department offices
- Washrooms
- 1 art department
- 1 media centre

# Phase II

- 26,000 sq. feet
- Scheduled for completion, Fall 2011

## MAIN FLOOR

- New Cafeteria
- Full service kitchen
- The Home Economics room: A+ equipment
- Textiles room
- The already upgraded gym
- P.E. department office
- Multipurpose P.E. room
- Washrooms

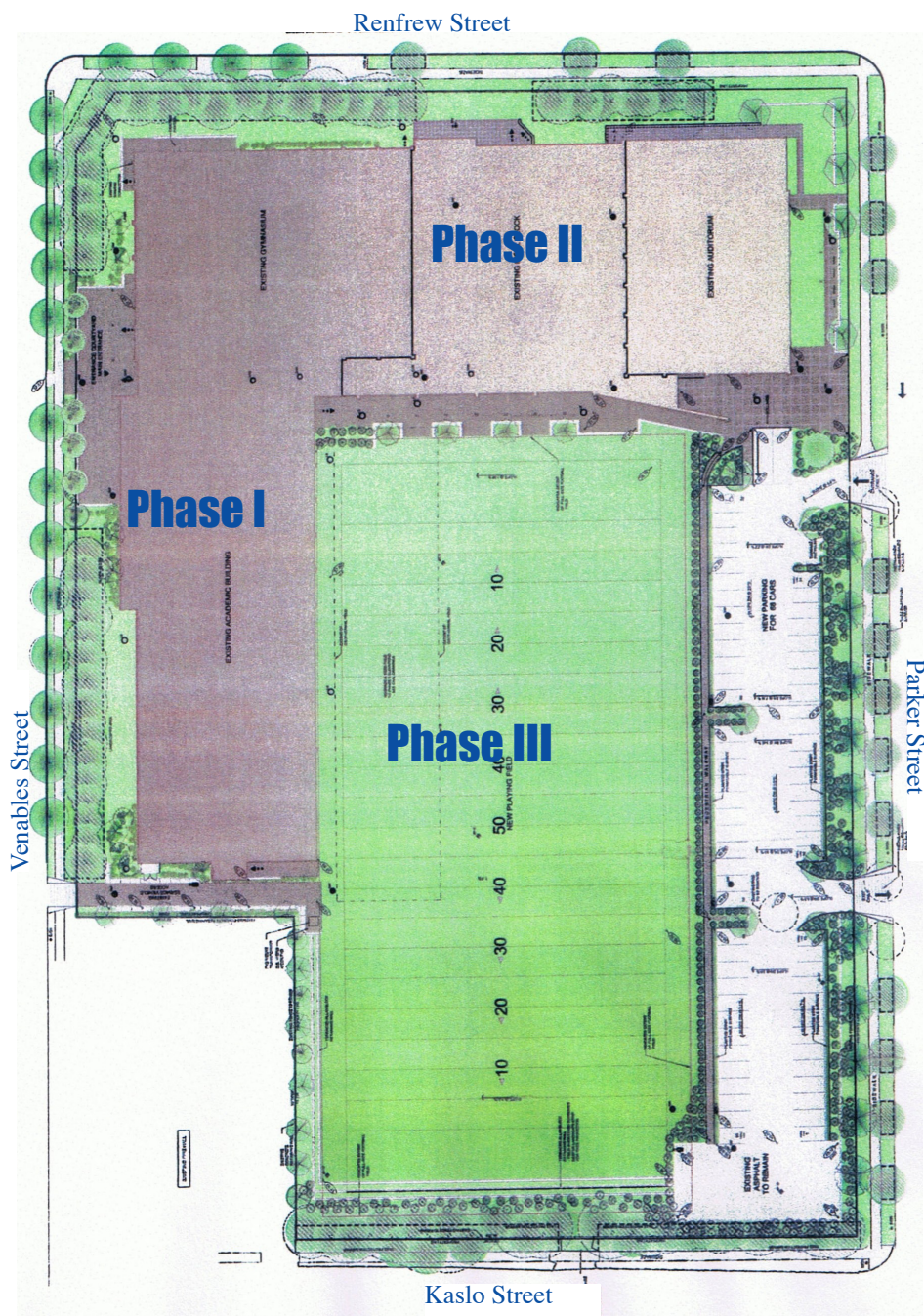
## UPPER FLOOR

- The School's Chapel
- Counseling Department
- Drama Department
- Music Department
- The Auditorium/Theatre
- Staff Room
- Washrooms

# Phase III

- First Class Sports' Field
- Related Facilities
- Landscaping
- Two Special Gardens:

- a. The first beautiful memorial dedicated to the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent DePaul, Halifax
- b. The second, re-establish the garden dedicated to Alex Grey



# Phase I and Phase II

The budget for these two phases is firm, there will be no extra funding available from the Archdiocese or the 10 feeder parishes.

## SHARING THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION

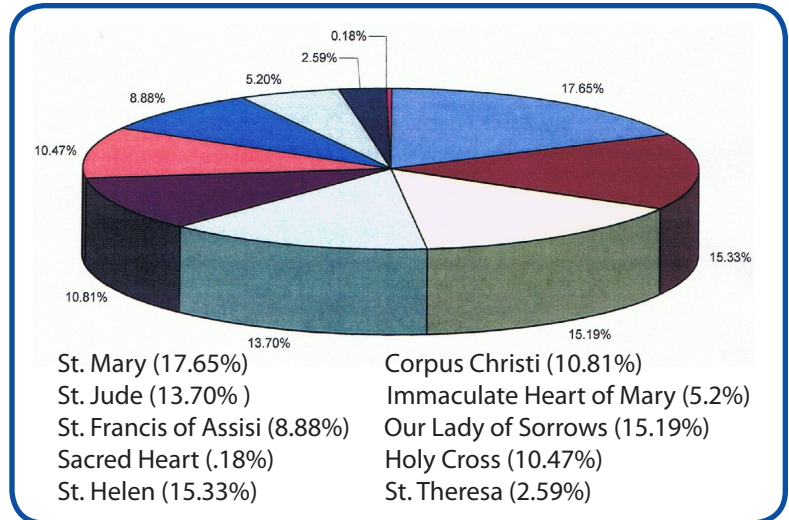
The Archdiocese of Vancouver - \$11,000,000  
The 10 Feeder Parishes - \$11,000,000

### What is included in \$22,000,000:

1. Consulting and Architectural Fees
2. Basic construction for Phases I and II
3. Interior finishing walls, ceiling, doors etc.

### Basics Included in the various rooms :

1. Minimal shelving
2. Whiteboards
3. Phone/P.A. Systems
4. Wiring for TVs etc.



## WHAT IS NEEDED

ITEM	PRICE	NUMBER	ITEM	PRICE	NUMBER
Student's Desk/Chair	\$ 100	600	Security Cameras		16
Teacher's Desk	\$ 300	40	Lockers Sports	\$ 200	150
File Cabinets	\$ 200	40			
Flat Screen TV	\$ 700	40	Tile		Phase I and II
TV Mounts	\$ 200	40	Paint		Gallons +
Projectors	\$1,000	35	Office Furniture	\$10,000	main offices
Smart Boards	\$4,000	24			
			Crucifix		40 - Classroom
Folding Chairs	\$ 40	1,000	Crucifix		1 - Main Hall
			Chapel Altar		1
Durable Tables		30 Art Room	Portable Altar		1
Printing Press	\$2,500	1 Art Program	Chapel Chairs	\$ 200	100
Drying Rack		4 Art Program	Chapel Kneeler		100
Pottery Wheels	\$2,500	1 Art Program			
Kiln	\$4,500	1 Art Program	Board Table	\$3,500	1 (Library)
Slab Roller	\$2,500	1 Art Program	Conference Table	\$1,200	1 (Library)
Ware Cart	\$ 800	1 Art Program	Tables	\$ 500	6 (Library)
			Wood Chairs	\$ 250	40 (Library)
Computers	\$ 900	25 free units/media	Leather Sofa	\$1,050	2 (Library)
Laptops	\$ 500	25 Gr. 8 Humanities			
Licensing	\$2,500	Adobe Master Collection			
Admin. Server	\$5,000	1 Network 1	Wenger Nota Chairs	\$ 100	75 (Music Dept.)
Network Switches	\$1,000	6	Music Stands	\$ 40	25 (Music Dept.)
			Music Filing System		1 (Music Dept.)
Document Projectors	\$ 500	6 (Science 4 lct 2)	Instruments' Lockers		Lots (Music Dept.)
Physics Air Track	\$600-\$1,000	1	Built-in-Sound System		1



# Phase III

Phase III must be financed through the combined efforts of the Notre Dame Building Foundation and the Notre Dame Alumni Foundation and Friends of Notre Dame.

## WHAT CAN WE DO?

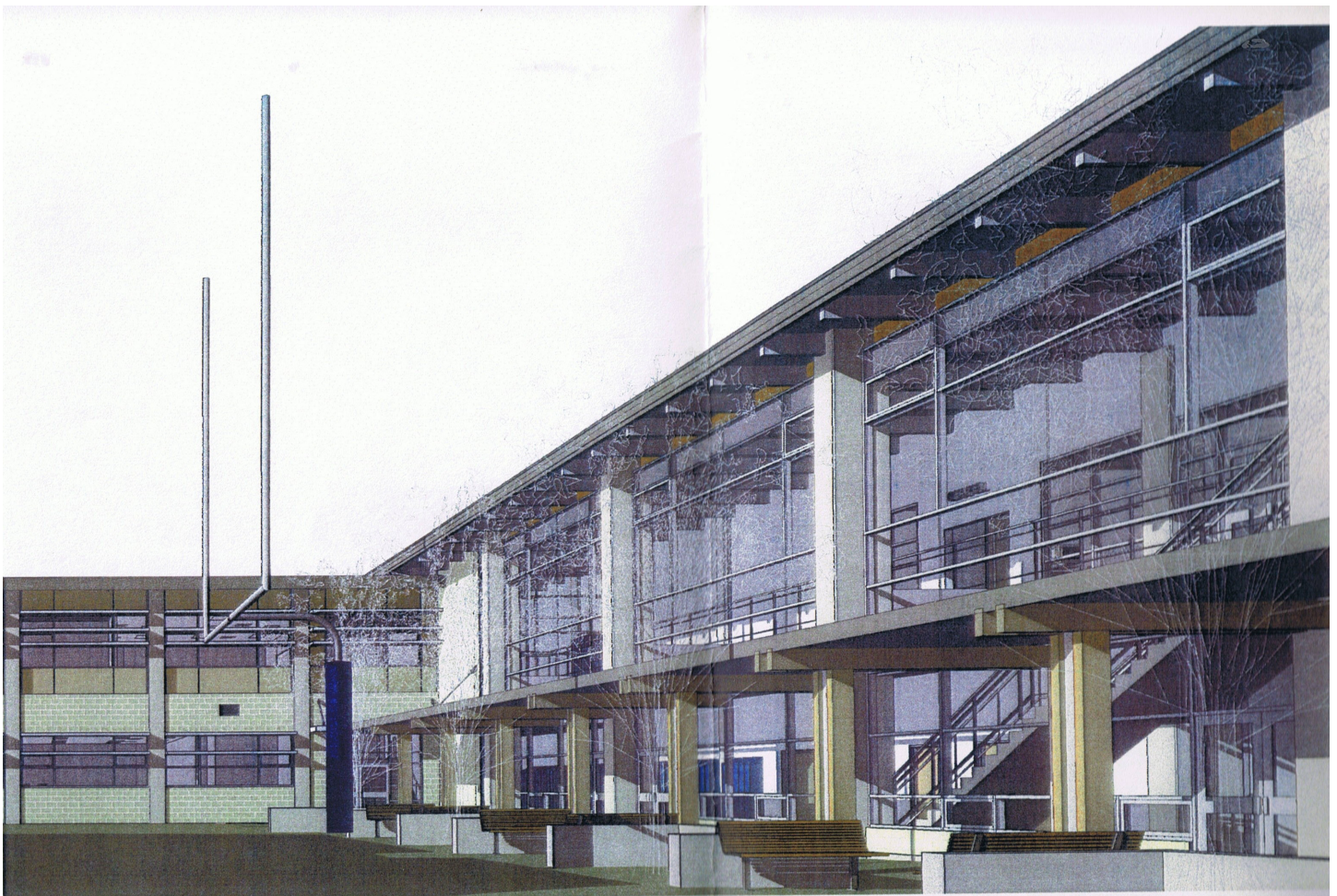
### As individuals:

- You can support *Alumni and School Fundraising Activities*
- You can purchase a classroom or you can furnish it and have it named after you
- You can purchase one or more of any of the items listed on the chart
- Finances limited? You can buy one chair or one music stand
- If you are into the Arts, you can specify that your donation goes towards the *Art or Music Program*
- If you are into the Sciences, you can specify that your donation goes towards the much needed items for the *Science Program*. You could purchase the lab in your name or help furnish it!
- If you are into Sports, you can specify that your donation goes toward the *Athletic Program*
- You can support the Brick Program

### As a Business or Corporation:

- You could set it up so your employee's monthly charitable donation can be made out to N.D.

**AND** of course...



**You could always have the “ultimate” High School Sport’s Field in Vancouver named after you. Of course you would have to pay for it, but what is \$1,500,000.00?**

## WHAT IS THE NOTRE DAME ALUMNI FOUNDATION?

It is a non-profit registered charity created by members of the Alumni in 2003. It's main purpose is to provide financial support towards the re-building project of Notre Dame Secondary. The Foundation has raised more than \$425,000 allocated to various programs at the present school and the construction of the new school. These are just a few examples of funds allocation:

- \* The start up and Architectural Fees
- \* A used industrial kitchen for the new cafeteria
- \* New security cameras that can be moved to the new school
- \* A classroom Projection Station
- \* Flat screen monitors for Computer Lab
- \* File Server
- \* Band instruments
- \* Library Software
- \* Teaching resource books
- \* Film and editing equipment

Donations are welcome through our fund raising programs, Corporate Sponsorship, Classroom Sponsorship and Planned Giving.

## Notre Dame Alumni Foundation Annual Gala/Auction

Live Music by  
"The Blue Meenies"

**Friday, November 20, 2009**  
Italian Cultural Centre

Call 604-255-5454 for tickets

Tickets \$65  
(no host bar)

Donation of items or services to the Auction welcomed.

Call Eva 604-299-3815 for more information.

All proceeds to the ND School Building Fund.

**No longer a dream. It is here and now!!!**

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HERE'S A WAY TO HELP AND HAVE A LOT OF FUN:

### BUY A TABLE

This, of all years, is the time to say thanks to Notre Dame for your education. We challenge you to add your class to those of 1959, 1969 and 1976, three N.D. Alumni Classes who are purchasing a "Table for 10" at the **November Alumni Annual Gala**. We urge you, to call a few class members and set up one table or two or three, (who knows?) from your class. If you don't have enough to fill your table, join another. How great would it be if every grad year was represented?

**Didn't graduate from ND? – All friends are welcome**

## THE BRICK PROGRAM: HELP BUILD OUR NEW SCHOOL!

Your name will be engraved on a pre-numbered brick and you will receive a numbered certificate and tax receipt.

*Yes, I will purchase a brick for our new Notre Dame facility:*

- ☐ BRONZE  
\$500 or \$42/month for 12 months
- ☐ SILVER  
\$1,000 or \$83/month for 12 months
- ☐ GOLD  
\$2,500 or \$105/month for 24 months
- ☐ PLATINUM  
\$5,000 or \$140/month for 36 months

Method of Payment:

- ☐ Cheque  
payable to the Notre Dame Alumni Foundation
- ☐ Mastercard
- ☐ Visa

Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ I wish to pay all at once
- ☐ I wish to pay monthly

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Postal: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me information about:

- ☐ Establishing an endowment award
- ☐ Major fundraising project

Send all payments or inquiries to:

**Notre Dame Alumni Foundation**  
**2855 Parker Street, Vancouver BC**  
**V5K 2T8**  
**Charity # 88564 0607 RP001**



## Annual Alumni Foundation Gala

Friday, November 20, 2009  
Italian Cultural Centre

## Whole New TRIVIA Night

Friday, March 26, 2010

## Blessing of the New School

Wednesday, April 7, 2010

SEE THE NEWSLETTER  
IN LIVING COLOUR AT  
OUR WEBSITE:

[www.ndalumni.org](http://www.ndalumni.org)

### Attention Grads of 1990 !

Plans are now underway for our upcoming 20th reunion. Check our website regularly for new developments as they occur :

[www.notredamegrad90.com](http://www.notredamegrad90.com)

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

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Looking forward to hearing from you!

### Attention Alumni Football Players



If you have NOT received your letter and tickets for the upcoming Juggler games, please contact the office as soon as possible to ensure your name is on our mailing list so that you receive all of the Football News.

## Letter From the Principal

The Catholic School's theme for the 2009/2010 school year is "Come, Worship the Lord". Worshipping God in spirit means that it must be done from the heart. Worshipping God in truth means that it must be done sincerely and according to His word. All of us long to connect with someone who can identify with our circumstances and share in our day-to-day life. Worship can be just that - a personal experience and intimate connection with our loving Heavenly Father.

All of us here at Notre Dame appreciate the power of that connection and the close relationship our faith has had with the development of the first phase of our brand new campus. Without the tremendous generosity of the Archdiocese of Vancouver (Project Advance) and, of course, the incredible sacrifice of our feeder parishes, we would not be preparing to move into a new school in the spring of 2010. Our Building Committee, under the leadership of Mr. Bill McCarthy and fellow alumnus, Mr. Pat Waslen have led a very dedicated, competent and focussed team throughout the process. Mr. Norm Grdina and Mrs. Eva Zanotto continue to provide outstanding service to Notre Dame as leaders of our Alumni Foundation. They are currently preparing for our annual Gala on November 20. And our newly formed fundraising committee under the guidance of Mr. Mario Miceli is determined to do whatever it takes to help raise the funds still needed to support our move into the new school. All of these magnanimous individuals and very capable groups continue to be instrumental towards our highly anticipated move at the end of March.

As you will see, much of this month's publication is directed at inviting all of you, our esteemed alumni, to also contribute in some way towards the success of the first phase and beyond. We hope you see this invitation less as a burden and much more as an opportunity to show your continued support for a school that, for many of you, played an essential role during your formative high school years and continues to serve your children and/or grandchildren even today. We hope you see this as an opportunity to share in the success of what we believe will be the best built Catholic High School in the province. We hope you see this as an opportunity to help continue the traditions of excellence that many of you were part during the past fifty-six years. And we hope all of you see this as an opportunity to help us "Honour our past by securing our future...one brick at a time".

### In Memoriam

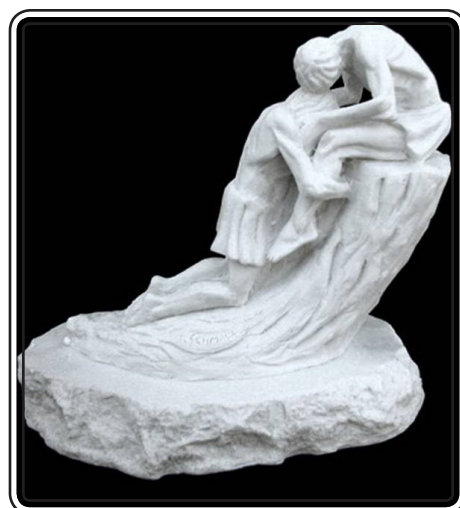
We ask for your prayers for the following grads:

Donald MacInnes, Class of '59,  
Leonard Buonassisi, Class of '60,  
Julie Fetherstonhaugh, Class of '64,  
Dolores Costanzo, Class of '65,  
Eva Romano, Class of '76

The community of Notre Dame and fellow Alumni offer our prayers and sympathy to Mike Grant '76 and Theresa (Graham '77) Grant who recently lost their son, Ryan, in an automobile accident.

*"Know that I am with you."*

As Alumni, we are deeply indebted to Mike Grant for his generosity as the printer of this newsletter.



### Births

Mona Craig (Narayan) 1990, her second boy, William Jefferson Craig, Aug. 30, '08.

Emmanuela (Gazzola) (Class of '93) & Anthony DallaZanna, a girl: Alyssa.

After much anticipation, locating grads, getting the details just right, the big day arrived, and on May 30, 2009, the Class of 1969 held their 40th reunion. The afternoon began with a tour of the present school; a trip down memory lane, walking the halls, the painted lockers of long ago still standing guard. If only they could talk!! Of particular interest was hearing all about the new plans for the future of Notre Dame!

With our good-byes said to the old school, we left for dinner at the Trattoria Hall at the Italian Cultural Centre. The talking, interspersed with eating and drinking continued throughout the evening. The formalities included a few speeches, a slide show, memorabilia, door prizes and of course, the usual gag gifts to selected recipients (courtesy of Vince!!!).

Forty-four attended the reunion including thirty-one grads. A special welcome was extended to those who came from afar to join us, especially, Morag from Scotland and Gus from Toronto. Adding to the fun were five of our former teachers. When you consider the Class of 1969 numbered only 65, this was an outstanding turnout.

We also want to thank our significant others who patiently sat through all the inside jokes!! It was a great evening, ending all too soon, with the parting words, "Let's do it again in a year or two!" It's always a testament to a good time, when the guests don't want to leave! It was great seeing everyone and we want to thank all those who came from afar for making the effort and for making it such a memorable day.



### 1970 Grads Celebrate 30 Years



The Grads of 79 held their 30 year Grad Reunion this past June at the Shark Club, Vancouver. About 30 Grads attended the evening and had a great time catching up and sharing old stories and some new. A few booked rooms downtown – so the night was not early! Great to see all those that were able to attend, and if anyone was missed on the emails – I apologize and ask that you forward your information to [scirillo@ndrs.org](mailto:scirillo@ndrs.org) so that you do not miss the next one!

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR \$10 MEMBERSHIP FEE.**

**WE DEPEND ON YOUR REGISTRATION TO PUBLISH THIS NEWSLETTER.**

Please email your address change and updated class lists to [ndalumni@ndalumni.org](mailto:ndalumni@ndalumni.org)

**THANK YOU!**







## The Class of 1959 Celebrates Their 50th Reunion

### WHO KNEW?

It is twelve hours later and I can't even begin to describe the feeling. How does one adequately express the absolute joy that was our reunion? Who knew that 50 years would go by in a flash of hugs, kisses and shared memories? We expected everyone would have a great time but who could anticipate that this would barely describe the happiness that literally filled the room.

Clearly, the special bond formed through the shared experience of our school days remains as tight today as when we walked out of the doors of Notre Dame. Actually, the bond is probably tighter, because we, like normal self-centered teenagers, could not fully comprehend how much the foundation our education at Notre Dame (and our respective elementary schools) would mean to who we would eventually be as adults.



Perhaps it is because the school was new and everyone knew everyone. Perhaps it's because the 50s was a great decade (Elvis!!). Whatever the reason, the Class of '59 is still, 50 years later, very much Notre Dame's Class of 1959.

The evening began with the usual meet and greet and trying our best to recognize each other after 50 years. Ron Mitchel willingly (okay a little pressure was applied) took on the responsibility of MC for the evening's formalities while Lou Benedet got the evening off to a great start, then turned the mike over to Sheranne Johnston who led us in prayer accompanied by an "In Memoriam" Power Point presentation honouring our deceased classmates.

Running continually throughout the evening was a slide presentation of photos, circa 1959. Steve Dunik's complete library of 50s hits accompanied the show, adding so much to the spirit of the evening.

The buffet was perfect but the real icing on the cake was supplied by Grace Mazzucco Carter, who gave everyone a copy of the "50 year reunion memory book" she had produced. The book's cover was designed by Gerry Treger, the artist who, in 1959, designed the cover of ND's first yearbook. What more can I say: 1959's 50th reunion was everything a reunion should be and more.

