



*Statue of Our Lady NW  
corner of Juggler Field*

## Juggler Field Blessing

On September 17, 2022 Archbishop Miller visited Notre Dame to bless the new Juggler Field. The blessing marked not only the completion of Juggler Field, but also the completion of the reconstruction of Notre Dame. What was only a dream

years ago, has become a reality. Notre Dame Regional Secondary School now stands as an example of our Archdiocese's and the ND community's commitment to Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

In his opening remarks, the Archbishop acknowledged and thanked those who contributed to traditions they started that continue today. In particular, he thanked three individuals who began the reconstruction of Notre Dame almost 20 years ago and have seen this project through to its completion: William McCarthy, Rob De Lazzari '86, and Pat Waslen '83.

After some introductory words by Joe Garcea, two ND Students sang the national anthem. The Archbishop blessed the field using the Rite that follows. Principal DeLauriers concluded the ceremony with a speech thanking everyone who contributed to the new Notre Dame facilities over the history of the school. Despite the rain, it was a beautiful ceremony to consecrate the Juggler Field to our Lord.



*Vancouver Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB*

## Blessing

**ABP. Peace be with you**

R. And also with you

**Blessed are you, God our Father,  
Creator of the universe:**

**You have sent Jesus to be our Brother, Lord  
and Redeemer  
and to save us in Your love.**

R. Amen

**Bless + us as we begin this school year,  
and guide us with your wisdom in all we do for  
You.**

**Let Your Holy Spirit give us light to embrace  
your truth,**



*Creative use of canopies and the school kept visitors comfortable during the Juggler Field blessing*

**and lead us to You  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**R. Amen.**

**Blessed are You, Lord our God,  
Creator of the universe:  
You have made the sun and moon and stars,  
the earth and all who live in it.**

**All glory and praise are Yours, O Lord our  
God!**

**R. Amen**

**Bless the people of this school community  
and teach them to live together in harmony.  
We ask your blessing on Juggler Field. Help  
the Notre Dame community use it for their  
benefit and recreation.**



*Guest gather in school cafeteria after blessing*





**All praise and glory are Yours,  
God our Father,  
for ever and ever.**

R. Amen.

## Line Sponsorship Completed

Our first sponsorship drive to help support Juggler Field was our line sponsorship campaign. Launched in October, supporters had the opportunity to sponsor a line (football configuration) on Juggler Field for \$195.30. The amount commemorated the 1st year Notre Dame

was opened — 1953. In addition, we offered the end zones for sponsorship and had two gracious donations of \$5,000 each! Thank you to the Simpson and Musnicki families for your generous support. After just 5 months we completed our campaign and are in the final stages of mounting a field plaque for the names of all of our donors. Thank you to all of you who help support and make our New Home a reality.

*J. Garcea '93*

## Forever Champions

Before the first kickoff, touchdown, or goal gets scored on the new sports field, there is time and



*George Oswald, Al Blesch, Vince Zuccaro, Jim Levas, John Vozza and Joe Smith*

opportunity to reflect on some memories through the eyes of a special group of Notre Dame alumni. For the last few months, Joe Garcea has enjoyed spending time (over Zoom) with many past Jugglers; more specifically, members of the 1968 Championship varsity football team.

They are clear in their goals for Notre Dame and the community moving forward; they all want to give back to the school that brought them so many great memories. Together with the ND Alumni Association, the '68 team wants to provide as much monetary support as possible by advocating different fund-raising campaigns. They are all excited to contribute both their time and money to ensure future success and prosperity at ND.

To start, they have sponsored the main logo at the centre of the new field. To achieve this goal, they reached out to other ND alumni (teammates) across the globe in an effort to secure the funds required. Jugglers came through, with a \$20,000 donation which is not a surprise; now, they are focused on encouraging and challenging other alumni teams to step up and contribute to the cause.

Special thanks and admiration go to Vince Zucarro, Jim Levas, John Vozza and Joe Smith for leading this endeavour.

— M. Di Donato

## Letters

Thank you so much for your recognition and gift on my 40th anniversary at Notre Dame.

*Maureen Grant*

*Thank you for your contribution to the ND community and your donation Maureen! - Ed.*

Thank you for the lovely Mass card for my Dad. Danny Waslen loved Notre Dame. He always had fond memories of the games at Empire Stadium, the plays and concerts. He was looking forward to seeing his grandson play on the field.

*Pat, Leila, Ben & Noah Waslen*

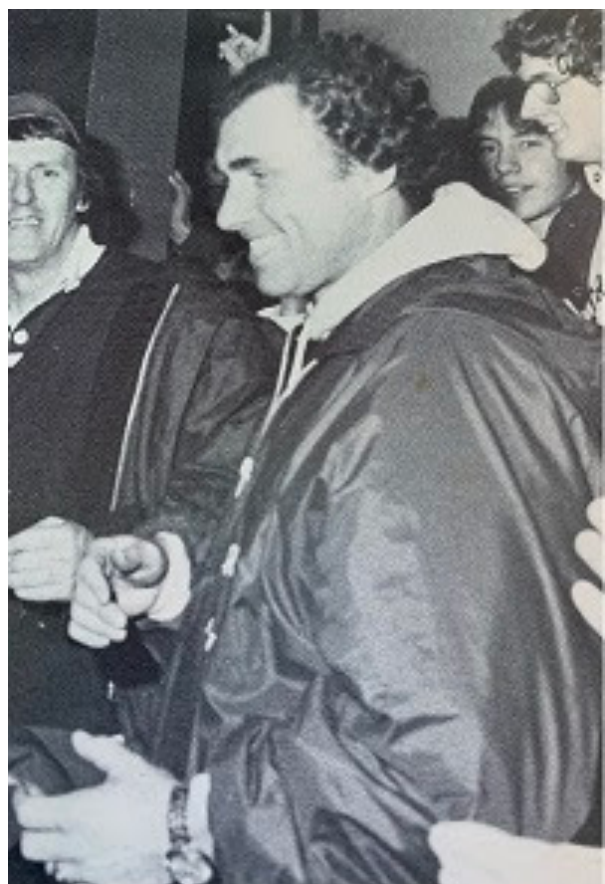
*Daniel Michael Waslen passed away on Dec. 18, 2019 - Ed.*

Thank you for choosing me to receive an Alumni Association Bursary Award. I am very honoured to have been chosen and recognized to receive this award, especially as I am the last member of my family to attend Notre Dame. I enjoyed all of my years at Notre Dame and the friendships and memories I created. I am very proud to have attended this school, become an alumni and receive this award. Thank you very much,

*Nicholas Greco (2020)*

## Remembering Fr. William Somerville

Fr. Bill Somerville passed away after years of preaching the Gospel through the mystery of his long illness on July 8, 2021. Father Bill was born October 16, 1938 and ordained a priest on May 17, 1969. Remembered by his brother Patrick, nieces, nephews and many friends, especially those of St. Patrick's Parish. Funeral Mass was held July 20 at Holy Rosary Cathedral.





Members of the Notre Dame community in the 1970s, particularly the staff at that time and those who attended the school in the 1970s and their parents, were saddened when they heard of the passing of Father Somerville. As Archbishop's Representative, Father Somerville brought to the school a dedication and enthusiasm for all aspects of school life. Always conscious of the needs of families, staff and students alike, he not only enthusiastically engaged in the religious instruction of the students by assuming a teaching role in Christian Education classes, but also was actively involved in coaching both football and supporting all school activities. At Education Committee meetings he showed a concern not only for the financial well-being of the school, but was also an ardent advocate for improving teachers' salaries as much as possible, at a time when Catholic School teachers were paid considerably less than their Public School counterparts.

He aimed always at making Notre Dame an excellent vehicle for Catholic education. He was an energetic and notable force in school life,

popular with parents, staff and students alike. Of course, the fact that he was young, handsome, had a dazzling smile, was invariably pleasant and positive, and caring of all, made him particularly popular with the girls; it was not unknown for girls on the basketball team to make the most of their "injuries" during the course of any game at which he was present, so that they could have the delight of his caring ministrations. And though he always brought with him the dignity of the priesthood, he was always willing to laugh at his own expense, as, for example, when in Christian Education 11 he was team teaching with Mary Blake (another memorable staff member who is sadly no longer with us). Reporting to the staff on the experience she said, "Father and I team teach. He teams and I teach". We all knew that Father's many other duties outside of the school frequently caused him to absent himself from class duties, but no one in the room laughed louder than Father. Nor was he unwilling to have a friendly laugh at the expense of others. More than one staff member, in the course of their workday, received a surprise "gift" of an attractive box which, on opening, revealed a realistic looking but fake insect or rodent.

Thanks to his joyous embracing of life in all its aspects, we were all sorry when he had to leave his position at Notre Dame to work at Corpus Christi and later at St. Patrick's. Because he had left such a vivid and positive memory, like so many, the Notre Dame community was heartbroken to hear of his sudden and tragic illness – an illness which caused him to be in care for the last 24 years of his life. While the lights were dimmed on his bright and positive career, all of us who knew him and were served by him will always remember the happy and spectacular ministry that he carried out in his dedication to his role as priest and educator. After his years of labour and suffering, may he rest in peace.

— Alan Charlton

## Historical Display Completed

In the early 1950s, Archbishop Duke invited religious orders from across North America to



come to Vancouver to found a high school to educate the children of ten Catholic parishes in east Vancouver and Burnaby (Corpus Christi, Holy Cross, Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Helen's, St. Jude's, St. Mary's, St. Theresa's, Our Lady of Sorrows, Sacred Heart). The Sisters of Charity of Halifax accepted his challenge, and in 1953 Notre Dame opened its doors for the first time.

To recognize the contributions of the Sisters of Charity, the Alumni Association donated a display of the opening of the school with photos of the Sisters outside the Chapel highlighting their contributions while they were on staff at the school. On your next visit be sure to visit the Chapel and learn more about ND's history and the contributions of the Sisters of Charity. Thank you to Bruna Pizzolato and Christina Unti for their work in making the display a reality.

## Upcoming Events

Watch the ND Alumni web site and social network feeds for updates on upcoming events.

The ND Uncorked event previously scheduled for November 2021 is now tentatively scheduled for April 1, 2022

We're also hoping to hold the next Notre Dame Alumni Association Trivia Night in the Spring of 2022. Stay Tuned!

## Alumni Foundation Update

As we celebrate the completion of the final phase of Notre Dame's redevelopment, the Notre Dame Alumni Foundation would like to provide a fundraising update. Starting in 2003 and through to September 2021 the Foundation raised approximately \$1,920,000. Our expenses to run our fundraising events and our professional audit cost averages \$30,000.00 per year. Over our 18 year history, we have had expenses totalling approximately \$513,000. The NDAF has made donations to Notre Dame since our inception in 2003 of \$1,402,259. Recently the Foundation was able to provide \$440,745 towards the Juggler Field. All of this has only been possible because of the donations that have been received from our



ND supporters. Many of these donors are alumni and for that we are so very grateful. Our donations range from \$20 to \$50,000, with the majority of donations being \$100 - \$1000. If you feel you have the ability to financially assist in supporting the students at Notre Dame please visit [ndalumnifoundation.com](http://ndalumnifoundation.com) or call Joe Garcea at 604-255-5454 to make a donation. Special thanks to the many who have been so generous with our campaigns to date and continue to support as we move forward with great hope for the present and future students at ND.

## How you can help

As we look ahead to the next chapters of Notre Dame, we anticipate many new and exciting memories for our students and alumni as we collectively enjoy our completed campus; and with that, an opportunity to show our support to keep our school the very best it can be.

We are still offering seat sponsorships at Juggler Field. For \$1000, you can have your very own seat and a plaque will be installed for generations to come. Please fill in the [form](#) at

<https://forms.gle/f4YCEBxw8bU8BwD96>



We have classrooms, cafeteria and field sponsorship opportunities available. Should this be something you want to pursue, please do not hesitate to contact our development coordinator Joe Garcea '93 at [jgarcea@myndrs.com](mailto:jgarcea@myndrs.com) for further details.

## Welcome Home 50/50 Winner

This past June, Notre Dame held its first-ever online 50/50 draw. Our winner, Marc P., from Ladner went home with a cheque for \$4,407.50. From all the feedback we have received, we will be hosting another draw with the goal to exceed \$10,000. Stay tuned for further details and thank you to all who supported our Welcome Home 50/50.

## Fundraising Report

Current donation totals for this reporting period January to September 2021 include the following channels:

1. Field Line Sponsorship Campaign: **\$48,755.60**
2. Seat Sponsorship Campaign: **\$82,500.00**



*Marc P. From Ladner winner of Welcome Home 50/50 draw with Development Coordinator Joe Garcea*

3. Anonymous Donation: **\$65,000.00**
4. Dress down days (2020/21 school year): **\$8,637.90**
5. Welcome Home 50/50 Campaign: **\$4,000.00**
6. Walkathon Campaign: **\$17,908**

### Notre Dame Alumni Association Membership Form

Donate on our website:  
<http://ndalumni.org/> & click on the **Donate** button or send your cheque to:

Notre Dame Alumni Association  
C/O Notre Dame Regional Secondary  
2880 Venables Street  
Vancouver, BC  
Canada V5K 4Z6

Please provide the following information with your \$20.00 cheque:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Province/State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Thank you

We gratefully acknowledge and want to sincerely thank the members of the Notre Dame Community for their financial support over the years of Notre Dame and Juggler Field.

*Please let us know if there are any errors in the names provided. - Ed*

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 Lui Passaglia  
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