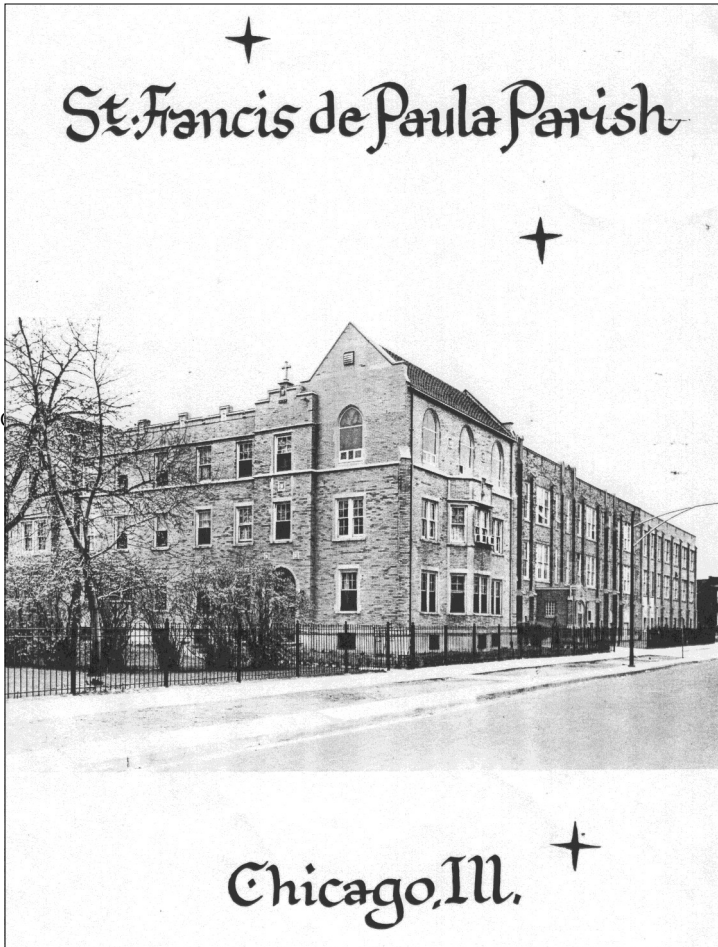


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From our Alums...

I always enjoy reading about St. Francis. I wasn't fortunate enough to graduate from there. We moved when I was going into 7th grade. My sisters and brother graduated from St. Francis (Joanne, Jim, Marilyn Maroney). They were all married there. In fact Joanne married a fellow student, Ken Nolan.

I especially enjoyed the most recent newsletter because I opened it and there were 2 pictures of my sister, Marilyn. One is from second grade (she's sitting next to her friend Delores Rome) and the other is a group picture right next to it. She's the one kneeling in front wearing the dark coat.

One problem I had following my sister Marilyn, who didn't always do what the good sisters wanted her to do, was that I always ended up sitting in the front row. I guess the sisters didn't want to take any chances. I tried to tell them that I was Joanne and Jimmy's sister too, but that didn't change their minds.

My favorite teacher was Sister Anna Clare. She taught me in first grade and then went on to become the principal of St. Francis de Paula School.

Now I live in a small town in Indiana and people always say how horrible it was growing up in big city. I tell them that I didn't grow up in a big city - I grow up in St. Francis de Paula's parish and it was like a small town. Thanks for the memories!

Jerre Maroney Conrad

An Excerpt from WE WERE A VILLAGE, written by alum Nancy Gentile is on page 4 in this issue. The full article can be found on our OSF website: www.ClintonFranciscans.com



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Then look for **St. Francis de Paula Alumnae Newsletter**

On the road again...

In August we did some driving through western states and stopped along the way to visit St. Francis de Paula friends:

(clockwise) Grace Babuscio Kahovec '53

and Connie Ludwig '48

Dennis and Marilyn Claessens '54

Dennis O'Neill '56 and Sister Anne Martin



Sister Bertha (Rupert) Zeiser celebrated her 100th birthday at The Canticle in Clinton. Sisters, nieces and nephews came to celebrate with her.

What a party!

GENTLE AND COMPASSIONATE GOD, WELCOME WITH OPEN ARMS THESE YOUR SERVANTS...



Hugh Fox '46 Born February 12, 1932, in Chicago, Illinois, to the late Hugh B. Fox and Helen (Mangan), died on Sunday, September 4, 2011, at the age of 79. Hugh was Professor Emeritus at Michigan State University, having taught in the department of American Thought and Language. He was a poet and writer with over 200 novels published.

We offer condolences to his wife of 23 years, Dr. Maria Costa-Fox; six children, Hugh B. Fox, III, Cecilia Fox, Marcella (Kevin Brown) Fox, Margaret Sadock, Alexandra E. (Ray Barker) Fox, and Christopher Fox; four grandchildren: Gabrielle Brown, Rebecca Sadock, Alexander Sadock, and Beatrice Barker as well as many extended family members.

Hugh was buried on Wednesday, September 7, 2011, at Congregation Shaarey Zedek with Rabbi Amy Bigman officiating.

Thank you to Judy Mangan Wisniewski for letting us know of Hugh's death.

Frances Griffin O'Leary '36 died on August 12, 2011.

"I believe she was 14 years old in 1936 at Saint Francis de Paula. She fondly remembers the great Sister Cortona and was in the class play of 'Little Women' in 8th grade, which always brought her a smile. Frances is survived by 8 children, 21 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. She was laid to rest in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. We will dearly miss her but know she is up in heaven now, having fun with all her old school chums. Thank you for sending the newsletter to my Mom...It always made her day."

Sincerely, her son, Jim



Lillian Frances Bowden '33 died June 14, 2011. She was the beloved daughter of the late William Henry and Mary Agnes Powers Bowden, loving sister of the late William (the late Lorraine), Sr. Mary Catherine OSF, Sr. Mary Agnese OSF and Joseph (the late Ruth) Bowden. She also leaves behind many nieces and nephews. Lillian was a longtime teacher and principal of the Chicago Public School System, most recently The McClellan School, The Holden School, Enrico Fermi School, and The Bousfield School. She was also a longtime volunteer at Misericordia School, in the Gift Shop and the Dining Room.

Joseph Greco '36 died April 28, 2011. His wife, Diane, wrote to say that Joseph passed away on their 65th Wedding Anniversary. "He went very peacefully with our family around him. Please keep him in your prayers. It is a great loss to me but I am thankful that we had 65 years together." Mrs. Diane Greco.

Gloria Blake Geller died in May, 2011. Beloved wife of Norton "Rick;" loving mother of Brandon and cherished friend of many. Gloria attended St. Francis de Paula School but moved before graduation.

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REMEMBER THIS???

From Nancy Gentile '53

WE WERE A VILLAGE

Growing up in Grand Crossing – St Francis de Paula parish – in the 1940s and 1950s was a lot like living in the pages of *“It Takes a Village”*. For my blue collar, immigrant Italian family life in the neighborhood was defined by two things: the factory whistle which blew at eight o’clock in the morning, twelve noon, one o’clock in the afternoon and five o’clock in the evening, and the Church bells which rang every morning to call the faithful to Mass. The neighborhood men who worked, worked in the factory for around forty dollars a week. The neighborhood women took their children and spent the first hour of every day in our beautiful little church, chanting a Latin Mass...

(The full story from 2004 Spring edition of SF Newsletter can be found on our website. www.ClintonFranciscans.com)

... THESE YOUR SERVANTS... cont.

Sister Anastasia O’Connor, IBVM (Patricia O’Connor ‘35) died April 24, 2011.



Devoted daughter of the late Gerald and Patricia Coghlan O’Connor; loving sister of Kay (Norbert) Brossmer, the late Geraldine Boyle (Elmer) Schiefer; dear aunt and great-aunt of many. She ministered at St. Adrian and St. Bernard School of Chicago, St. John of the Cross School Western

Springs and served the I.B.V.M. community in several leadership positions. Sister Anastasia was buried from St. John of the Cross Church in Western Springs, Illinois.

“As the years accrued I have had many opportunities to say “yes.” But the years starting at 80 presented some concrete challenges - knee replacements, cancer, diabetes, heart problems and loss of energy. The earlier years of striving to say “yes” to whatever God sent helped me to develop a form of contemplative prayer that keeps me in touch today with what God desires.”

Anna Marie Donelan O’Malley ‘53 died in early January, 2011. Beloved wife of the late John A. O’Malley; loving mother of Kathleen (Paul) Clauson,

Maureen G. (Kurt) Schlosser, John P. (Patty), Patsy (Eric) Matteson, Liz (Vince) Argento, Peggy (Michael) Kotowski and Michael O’Malley; cherished grandmother of Allison, Kevin, Ryan, Lizzie, Bella, Jack, Dan, Mike, Molly, Emily, Lily, Nick, ZuZu, Frankie, Jack, Paddy, Annie and Maggie; dear sister of Barbara (Tom) Beckett ‘54 and Gerry (Ed) Bylina; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. She was buried from St. Joseph Church, Wilmette, Illinois in All Saints Cemetery.

Rose Politano Agnew ‘42 died March 28, 2011. Beloved wife of the late William Agnew; survived by loving brother Ralph (Barbara) Politano; sister-in-laws Dorothy (Richard) Kloser and Virginia Agnew; aunt to many adoring nieces; and nephews. Buried from St. Bede the Venerable Church, Chicago at St. Mary Cemetery.

Mariann Walsh Fowler ‘52 "Micki" died in January, 2011. Beloved wife of Edward M. "Marty"; devoted mother of Edward (Kate), Mary Pat Fowler, Kathy Jackson and James (Linda); loving grandmother of Nicole, Brian, Laura, Danny, Ryan, Grant, Kayla; and great-grandmother of Brooke. Many years of service with Little Company of Mary Hospital. She was a member of Sacred Heart St. Vincent De Paul Society, A.C.C.W. and Choir. Buried from the Sacred Heart Church, in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.