



# The Grapevine



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

## Greetings



Dear Alumni and friends,

*"The Future of Humanity lies in the hands of those who are strong enough to provide coming generations with reasons for living and hoping." The Church Today, p 31.*

If ever there was a time that our alumni and friends have shown the way for those who follow, it is now! Because many of you have shown your generosity and support, we will soon be starting a new era of Catholic education in Clinton, Iowa. Our new Parish educational facility is being constructed even as you read this message of THANKS.

Those of you who gave of your time and resources have many reasons to be proud. You can be proud of the education we will provide in the new facility, proud of the students who will pass through the building in the future and proud of Catholic education that teaches the foundations of our faith.

I am pleased to report to you that we are having a very good school year. Our students are doing well and our test scores show strength in all the major areas. We have one student named a National Merit Scholar and many of our seniors are busy examining placement at some of the finest Colleges and Universities in the country.

Also at the High School, we recently had three students attend the National Catholic Youth Congress, our computer lab is now equipped with 486-level computers and Windows 95, we had

a great fall play, good parent-teacher conferences, exciting fall sports and of course, some excellent liturgies of the faith.

With the new building under construction and some exciting new teachers in our Jr.-Sr. High School, it truly is a time to move forward to the future. Many alumni have asked what the future will bring for Mater Dei H.S. My answer is that we are going to provide a great education for the city of Clinton and my hope is that more people will soon realize what a gift the High School is to this community. I have a positive outlook on this goal and we are beyond the point of turning back the clock.

I leave this short note with the same quote I began with. *"The future of humanity lies in the hands of those who are strong enough to provide coming generations with reasons for living and hoping."*

Happy Holidays!

*Mr. David J. Burke*



Mr. David Burke  
Principal and Business Manager  
Prince of Peace Catholic Schools

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## Groundbreaking

**“W**e have a new spirit today” stated Principal David Burke, which became the front-page headlines of the Clinton Herald newspaper on the day following the November 5, 1997 ground breaking ceremony for Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace Parish. Hundreds of spectators packed the Trinity Elementary School gym at 312 S. 4th Street for the historic ceremony.

Bishop William Franklin of Davenport stated to the packed house, “When you have come to a gathering like this, you know we are ready to accomplish something!” And Bishop Franklin was right. It has been a long time coming for an investment in the future of our Clinton Catholic schools, but that step has finally been taken. Reverend Ronald Young, pastor of Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace Parish explained how “it has seemed like eight years of small steps to get to this point, but we seemed to keep moving forward, no matter how small the steps.”

One could sense that this occasion was symbolic for the future of Catholic schools, the Catholic Parish, and the city of Clinton as a whole. The ceremony culminated years of study, discernment, hard work and concern for the future well-being of the Parish community. After the indoor ceremony was completed, dignitaries, city officials, students and guests eagerly proceeded outdoors for the blessing of the ground and ritual breaking of the ground with golden shovels.

The 25,000 square foot education center expansion will be built adjacent to the Trinity Elementary School building. The center will be used for elementary students, junior high, senior high, Parish religious education and adult education programs. The Sacred Heart church, located on the corner of the block, will continue to serve the Parish and the school system.

Cost of the new education center is expected at \$2.1 million and will include classrooms for approximately 240 students, library media center, music room, computer and science labs, communications room (with fiber optics), art room, commons area and office space. The construction of the education center is being spearheaded by Design Build Associates, Incorporated of the Quad Cities.



From left to right, Chamber of Commerce President Gerry Freudenberg (SM'79), Pastor Rev. Ronald Young, City of Clinton Mayor LaMetta Wynn, and Bishop William Franklin help break ground with their shovels in hand for the new education center.

## Alumni Support

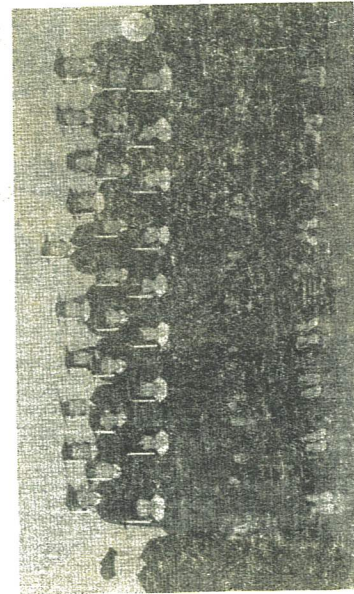
**A** successful Capital Campaign conducted this year resulted in over \$2.7 million pledged toward the Parish's master plan to consolidate its educational and worship sites through new capital construction. The education project, which will cost approximately \$2.1 million, will be the first phase of the master plan.

The education center project was chosen as the first phase of the master plan because of the logistics involved with construction and the deteriorating condition of the 1927 high school facility. The long-range master plan currently calls for an additional section of elementary classrooms and a full-size gymnasium at the educational center site.

Impressive in the Capital Campaign has been the response of our out-of-town alumni. Over \$270,000 has been pledged so far from alumni living outside of the Clinton Parish. “Our alumni have truly been an inspiration during this campaign,” states Parish Development Director David Schrier, an alumni himself. “Almost daily, responses to the campaign are received for the building drive from out-of-town alumni. It's been a real blessing, and goes to show that the Spirit is alive and well within our alumni!”

## A TRADITION OF VALUES

- St. Irenaeus Elementary  
1852-1969
- St. Boniface Elementary  
1864-1969
- St. Mary Elementary  
1878-1982
- St. Patrick Elementary  
1891-1982
- Sacred Heart Elementary  
1893-1987
- Our Lady of Angels  
1872-1966
- St. Mary High School  
1878-1980
- Mt. St. Clare Academy  
1893-1980
- North Catholic Elementary  
1969-1987
- Seton Elementary  
1982-1987
- Trinity Elementary  
1987-Present
- Mater Dei High School  
1980-Present



On July 1, 1990 our parish of Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace was established. Subsequently, the Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace Catholic Education System was formed and we once again had a parish school. The tradition of Catholic schools continues on in our community of Clinton. No longer fragmented, our future can be bright. We have much to do! But, it can and will be done because we are a part of

## A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE



## THE TRADITION CONTINUES

*"The heroic sacrifices of generations of Catholic parents in building up and supporting parochial and diocesan schools must never be forgotten. Rising costs may call for new approaches, new forms of partnership and sharing, new uses of financial resources. But I am sure that all concerned will face the challenge of Catholic schools with courage and dedication, and not doubt the value of the sacrifices to be made." Pope John Paul II, 1987, "Catholic Education: Gift to the Church, Gift to the Nation."*

By the twenty-fifth anniversary of "To Teach As Jesus Did" in 1997, we commit ourselves unequivocally to the following goals:

1. That Catholic schools will continue to provide high quality education for all their students in a context infused with gospel values.
2. Serious efforts will be made to ensure that Catholic schools are available for Catholic parents who wish to send their children to them.
3. New initiatives will be launched to secure sufficient financial assistance from both private and public sectors for Catholic parents to exercise this right.
4. That the salaries and benefits of Catholic school teachers and administrators will reflect our teaching as expressed in "Economic Justice For All." United States Catholic Bishops, 1990.



Yes, I/we want to contribute to the



Prince of Peace  
School Foundation

Amount of gift or pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Gift enclosed

This gift is in memory of:

(optional)

I would like to discuss a planned gift to the Foundation. Please send me further information.

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

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:

**Prince of Peace  
School Foundation**

505 9th Ave. South  
Clinton, IA 52732  
FIN #42-1362771

## SCHOOL FOUNDATION

The Prince of Peace School Foundation continues the tradition of excellence by providing funds for scholarships, tuition grants, replacement and maintenance of facilities, operating expenses and programs for Mater Dei and Trinity schools.

### A GIFT THAT LIVES FOREVER!

In addition to outright gifts of cash, many people include Prince of Peace Schools in their estate plans. Gifts made to the Prince of Peace School Foundation are held in trust with interest earnings used for the support of the Prince of Peace Education System. Gifts can be made through:

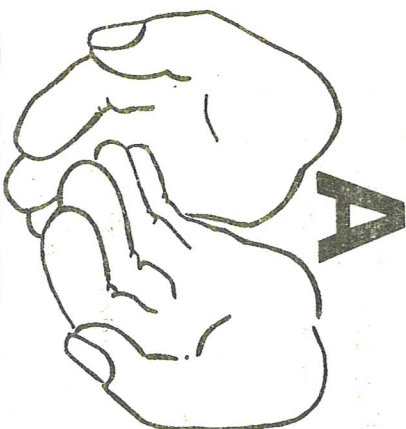
- Wills
- Life Insurance Policies
- Property Reserving Life Use
- Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds
- Annuities

### Champion Our Needs... Preserve Your Own Legacy!

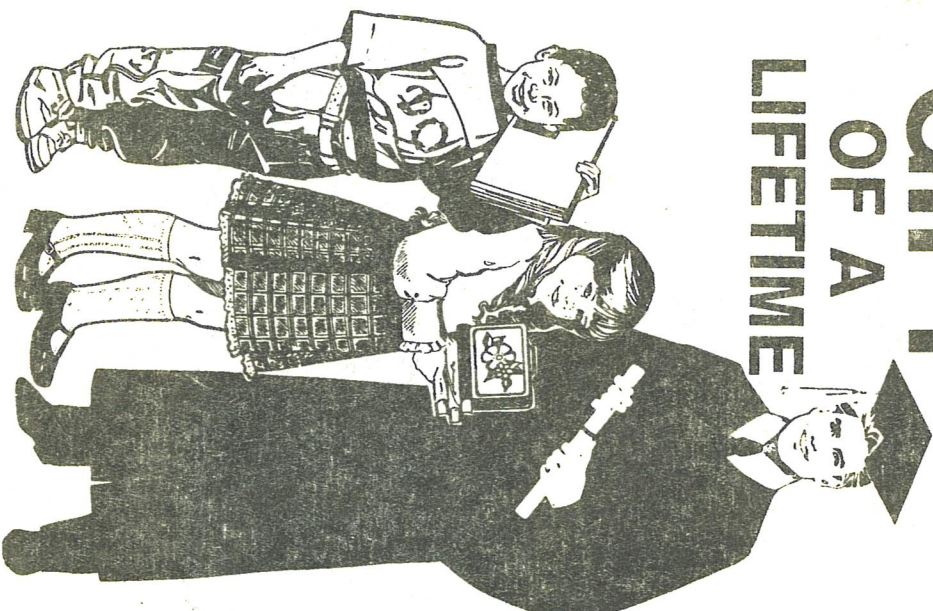
- Assign a small percentage of your present life insurance with the foundation as beneficiary.
- Acquire a new life insurance policy with our schools as beneficiary.
- Learn to use Charitable Trusts to decrease taxes, increase your income and make a substantial gift to charity.
- Learn how your family will not suffer any financial hardship as a result of your generosity toward our schools.



## CATHOLIC EDUCATION



# A GIFT OF A LIFETIME



## Alumni (continued)

In particular, two alumni families have gathered their support to make major gifts to the new education center. The McAndrews families have joined to honor their parents, the late **Patrick and Ruth McAndrews**, by naming one of the academic rooms in their memory. The Quinn children have also stepped forward to name the music room after their mother, **Margaret Quinn**, who still resides in Clinton, as a member of Prince of Peace Parish.

Several naming opportunities do remain and this is an excellent opportunity to recognize or memorialize loved ones and family. If interested in receiving more information on naming opportunities, contact the Director of Development, **David Schnier** at Prince of Peace Parish, 505 Ninth Avenue South, Clinton, Iowa 52732; telephone (319) 242-3311 or fax (319) 242-3323.



### WANTED: GUARDIAN ANGELS

This year begins a very special program for the Catholic Schools from Prince of Peace Parish. In working with the Prince of Peace School Foundation, we are going to renew and rename our tuition assistance as the "**Guardian Angel**" program.

The **Guardian Angel** program will be specifically designed to make available the interest from the Foundation as tuition assistance for needy students and parents. The moneys received through the program will be invested through the Foundation, with the interest from those funds being used to help those in need now, and in the future. In special circumstances, a **Guardian Angel** gift may be used for immediate tuition assistance for a student or family.

We are grateful to those who have provided memorial gifts, donations and bequests toward the support of our Catholic schools. Currently, our Prince of Peace School Foundation distributes the proceeds from an endowment totaling just over \$500,000. Our goal is to grow our endowment to \$1 million by the year 2005. You can help by keeping Prince of Peace Parish and the School Foundation in your annual giving and estate

plans. A School Foundation brochure is enclosed for your future consideration.

We encourage each alumni and friend to become a **Guardian Angel** for a student in need. What a wonderful way to become a **Guardian Angel**, and give the gift which lasts a lifetime - a Catholic education!



## IRISH SHOOTOUT



It is that time of year again to knock the dust off those sneakers, do a couple of knee bends, and get ready for the Annual Irish Shootout/Spikeout. The dates this year will be Friday and Saturday, February 20 - 21, 1998 in Central Catholic Auditorium, right next to the old St. Mary's/Mater Dei High School.

Last year 27 basketball and volleyball teams representing players from the 1940's through the 1990's demonstrated how much fun it is to be part of the Shootout/Spikeout. Each team is scheduled to play two or three games over the two days. Teams that wish to be more competitive will have the opportunity to play more! It is a great weekend to see those athletes (and those just out for a good time!) from the past.

Also at this year's Shootout, we will be honoring the 1965 State Tournament Basketball team. Members of that team include **Larry Brennan, Jim Dalton, Terry Gertson, Gary Harstick, Dave Hilgendorf, Larry McMahon, Larry Schmidt, Joseph Bergman, Bob Josten, Tom Rickeri, Steve McDonnell, Tom Quinn**, assistant coaches **Bill Kohler** (deceased) and **Ken Grenier**, and head coach **Jack Merdian**. The team will be honored at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday evening.

The fun continues with a GET-TOGETHER party in St. Mary's Hall with food, beverages, music and dancing until midnight. Each year it just gets better as more alumni and friends participate in this annual event. Event proceeds benefit the **Deb Lind** and **John Lingle Memorial Scholarship Funds**.

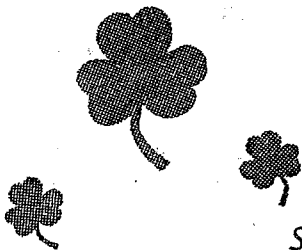
Start getting your team ready!! Contact team coordinators **Bob Mulholland** (319) 242-1640 or **Dick Mayer** (319) 243-5979 by February 1, 1998. The number of teams able to be scheduled is limited, so please plan early. Come on, you can do it!!

### "SHAMROCK SWITCH" AUCTION DINNER

**T**his year, the Home and School Association will sponsor its first annual Auction Dinner entitled "The Shamrock Switch." The auction, dinner and dance will honor our final use of the St. Mary's facilities before we move the high school and junior high to the new Parish education center next year.

The date is January 24, 1998. Preparations are well underway. Along with a wonderful dinner in St. Mary's Hall, a live auction will occur featuring items such as vacation trips, televisions, and golf packages. A silent auction will also take place in the new gymnasium (Central Catholic Auditorium) and offer novelty items including sports equipment, specialty packages and gift certificates. A dance will follow to make for an enchanted evening of fun, entertainment and company.

Table seating is limited, so please plan ahead to make your reservation before we are full! Call (319) 242-1663 for ticket reservations or return the form on page 4 by January 10, 1998. See you there!!



## "SHAMROCK SWITCH" DINNER AUCTION & DANCE



*Saturday, January 24th, 1998 at St. Mary's Hall,*

*6:00 p.m. Social Hour and Silent Auction / 7:00 p.m. Dinner and Live Auction*

*Dancing to follow the Auction*

#### Menu includes:

*Prime Rib*

*Twice Baked Potato*

*Steamed Vegetables*

*Rastrelli's Bread*

*Eclair*

*Reservations required! Phone (319) 242-1663 or return the form below by January 10, 1998 to: Mater Dei High School, 525 8th Avenue South, Clinton, IA 52732*

### 1998 "Shamrock Switch" Dinner Auction

*PLEASE RESERVE* \_\_\_\_\_ *Tickets at \$15.00 per person*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Tables for eight at \$120.00*

*PLEASE ACCEPT* \_\_\_\_\_ *Donation, unable to attend*

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*Address* \_\_\_\_\_

*City* \_\_\_\_\_ *State* \_\_\_\_\_ *Zip* \_\_\_\_\_

*Telephone* \_\_\_\_\_



*Please provide names of members in your party.*

*Advance AUCTION BOOKLETS will be sent to all paid reservations.*

## Noteworthy



Keep in touch, fill out the form on back!

### OLA 1941 and SMHS 1938

Way to go Paul and Shirley Sheridan on your golden wedding anniversary in September. Shirley Griswold Sheridan graduated from Our Lady of Angels in 1941 and Paul graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1938.

### SMHS 1944

Michael (Mickey) McMeel writes from Elizabethtown, KY. He and his wife Audrey Davis McMeel are involved in their Parish expansion. Mickey would like to be a member of the Shamrock Club. Enjoys The Grapevine.

### SMHS 1950

Don Chellis of Chesterfield, MO. writes that his wife died in April 1997. He is enjoying time with his four children and four grandchildren. Don invites alumni friends to look him up if they are in St. Louis. He sends his new address, 2060 Moorgate, A6, Chesterfield, MO. 63017, phone 314-256-3983. Don would enjoy hearing from you.

### MSCA 1963

Sympathy and prayers to Donna Monahan Gauthier (MSCA 63) on the death of her husband, David, who died October 9<sup>th</sup> in their home in Newport News, VA. David and Donna were married October 12, 1968 in Clinton.

### SMHS 1974

Cathy R. Abbott writes from Mesa, Arizona. She is working as an Intel Analyst with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office. She is a Staff Sergeant in the Arizona National Guard. "Arizona is beautiful but nothing really compares with "home". She would love to hear from her friends from the class of 1974. YES - she's still a sports-a-holic, GO IRISH! Our sympathy to Cathy SMHS 74, Carol SMHS 72 and their mother Rachel on the death of their father and husband Harold F. Abbott, a long time member of St. Mary's Parish.

### MDHS 1984

Renee LaCourse Cossman writes from Fulton, IL. She and Mark, married five years, have a daughter Audrey, 3-1/2 and just had a son, Jack Michael, on April 30, 1997. "A reminder to the classes of 1983 and 1984: we are combining our class reunions for August 1998, and hoping for a good turn out from all. See ya there!!"

### MDHS 1986

Mark Merdian writes from Valdesta, GA. where he has served in the Air Force for the past ten years. He and wife Stefanie have been married for three years and recently had a son Justin Lee on March 26, 1997. "The military often keeps me from coming home so I enjoy "The Grapevine." It is like getting a letter from home." Friends can reach Mark at Sams. AOL.Com. We appreciate your service to the country Mark!

### MDHS 1988

Jenny (Fogg) Appel writes from Thomson, IL. She and husband Randy welcomed Haley Nicole Appel June 18, 1997 to join sister Leslie 1-1/2. Jenny became a stay at home mom and Randy farms and raises cattle.

### MDHS 1991

Jeff Bergman of Greenwood, IN. began a new job in August as Planning and Economic Development director for the city of Franklin, IN. Franklin has a population of 17,000 and is a growing community located 20 miles south of Indianapolis. Nice hearing from you, Jeff.

## OUR LADY OF ANGELS REUNITE

Our Lady of Angels had a very enthusiastic group at the school reunion held at the Frontier on October 11<sup>th</sup> in Clinton. They renewed friendships and talked lots over the old times. Father Young celebrated the 4:00 p.m. Mass for the alumni and welcomed the guests.

Joan Lawrence did a fantastic job planning the reunion and Janet Droste Jaeger offered vocal selections at the banquet. Father Young and Father Marty Goetz attended the banquet and spoke of the plans for the new educational facility at Prince of Peace. We were happy that many out of city alumnae "came home" to enjoy our evening together. The chairperson for the next reunion will be Karen Burke Rastrelli, OLA 1961.



## In Memoriam

*"Eternal rest grant unto them Oh Lord"*  
In memory of and sympathy to the families of:

- Mrs. Eva Smith, OLA 1919, April 17, 1992
- Mary Knoernschild, MSCA 1949, June 24, 1997
- Lorraine Ryan Hoffman, SMHS 1938, July 4, 1997
- Eleanor Ryan Owens, SMHS 1934, July 28, 1997
- Mary Lu Campbell Cox, MSCA 1952, August 6, 1997
- Mardelle Nichols Cavanagh, SMHS 1933, September 9, 1997
- Verona Mickelson Melendy, OLA 1923, October 4, 1997
- Robert Francis Whalen, SMHS 1938, October 8, 1997
- Madonna Lawlor Donahue, SMHS 1938, October 12, 1997
- Louis Kracium, Senior, SMHS 1942, October 12, 1997
- Meinard Mooney Knight, SMHS 1933, October 25, 1997
- Madonna Scanlan Strouss, SMHS 1930, November 10, 1997
- Nancy Sodeman Henderson, MSCA 1961, November 16, 1997
- Lorraine Matson Holt, SMHS 1933, November 30, 1997
- Eileen McKenna Mickelson, SMHS 1939, December 13, 1997

**Tell Us About Yourself . . .** We want to hear from you! Is there any interesting news or events that have happened recently in your life? Did you get a new job or promotion? Have you recently been married or added a new member to your family? Have you moved? We encourage you to share your news with us and your fellow friends.

Name (Married & Maiden) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Check if a new address or phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Which School Did you Attend? (circle one) Class of  
O.L.A. Mt. St. Clare Academy St. Marys Mater Dei

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Did He/She Attend Our Schools? Y N

If Yes, Please Indicate \_\_\_\_\_

News About Yourself and Family \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please detach and mail or Fax To: Prince of Peace Alumni Association  
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