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All-Class Reunion 2006

Celebrate the memories, Celebrate the friendships, Celebrate the years!



Generations of Catholic Tradition Celebrate at MGC

Eighty years of Catholic tradition gathered at Mother of Good Counsel School on February 4th for the 2006 All-Class Reunion. Over 500 alumni, faculty, staff, former teachers, clergy, and current MGC students came together to celebrate the friendships and memories made at MGC. The results were stunning.

Laughter echoed from the hallways and grown adults became students again as they swapped stories of 'the good old days'. Sneaking onto the school balcony, setting lockers on fire, and baseball on the playground with Fr. Joe, were just a few of the favorites that circulated among the alumni. Astoundingly, the generations of alumni ranged from 1931 to 2005. Current and past photographs lined the cafeteria walls and school hallways.

The evening began with tours of the school hosted by the current faculty. While it was the school staff giving the tours, it was the alumni who had a story or memory for each hallway and classroom passed by.

Shortly following the tours the church was filled to capacity with alumni, friends, and parishioners of Mother of Good Counsel. Following a humorous and moving homily by Fr. Michael Newman (class of 1953), Regina Shaw recognized 5 faculty members who were experiencing milestone years. William Versnick and Chris Kolanko were celebrating 15 years of teaching at MGC. Sue Starker, Joanne Schwartz and Diane Saegar were celebrating 20 years of service. And Maureen Connell was celebrating 25. Also on hand for





Alumni Memories!

“Cutting grass with Fr. Joe, who would reward us with a ‘soda pop’ from ma’s!”

“My two dearest friends then & now - A friendship formed at MGC.”

“Caroling through the halls and the Christmas concert on the last day before vacation.”

“Having lots of laughs.”

“The crowded lunch room!”

“Playing tag in the hallways after hours.”

“Standing next to Tim and realizing he was wearing two different colored socks!”

“Saturday morning Latin Class.”

“When John slipped and accidentally hit the fire alarm causing us to evacuate the school.”

“Hanging out, Halloween parties, playing sports on the playground.”

“Who ever thought hot dogs would be such a big deal, but remember Hot Dog Days!”

the event was retired principal Audrey Neu and several of the Salvatorian sisters who gave years of service to the school children at Mother of Good Counsel.

Following Mass the large group in attendance split into two locations for dinner. MGC students served beverages, which gave the alumni the opportunity to meet the children who carry on the traditions of years past.

At the conclusion of dinner, mini-class reunions began in the school classrooms. Groups of graduating classes gathered together to recall the memories of their childhood. Love and laughter filled the hallways as alumni shared old stories and tales of new adventures.

The night concluded with music and spirits. The combination, of course, was nothing short of a very good time. The All-Class reunion was a huge success thanks to all the volunteers and committee members who gave of their time and talents.

As the last group shuffled out the door, the spirit of each generation lingered throughout the school. Its presence reflected the truth that our alumni, school parents, parishioners, faculty and students are the foundation that has sustained our community for over 80 years. And what a magnificent community we are! Strong in faith, sustained by tradition and alive in spirit.

Want to see more?

The reunion pictures featured in this edition of the Chronicle, as well as many many others are posted on our MGC website. Go to www.mgcp parish.org/school/alumni to see more.