

# The Clarion



*Newsletter of the Brothers of Christian Instruction*

## Plattsburgh Couple Recognized for Haitian Relief Effort

At a June 15 dinner the Plattsburgh Brothers celebrated their appreciation of the fund raising work of Richard and Shirley Giguere in support of the reconstruction work of the Brothers of Christian Instruction in Haiti. Moved by the news of the massive destruction inflicted on the Brothers' schools in Haiti by the Jan. 20, 2010 earthquake, the couple volunteered to help raise funds to assist in the reconstruction effort.

Already involved in the weekly Seton Bingo and with the school's permission, they began a \$50 raffle. With posters announcing the cause illustrated with photos of the reconstruction work being done, bingo patrons generously participate in this undertaking. As of this printing, over \$20,000 has been raised by this simple operation made possible by the steady involvement of this dedicated couple.

The Giguere's are members of Our Lady of Victory Parish in Plattsburgh where they were married 62 years ago. Both are products of Plattsburgh City Catholic schools, Richard of the MAI Class of '48, Shirley of the OLVA Class of '47. They raised four children and are now the proud grandparents of seven.

Richard earned his living as a salesman after a 4-year stint in the U.S. Air force. As a fourth degree Knight of Columbus, he serves as District Deputy in the Plattsburgh area. His volunteering for bingo duty started 44 years ago as his way of assisting Catholic schools in his hometown. Shirley's work history consists mainly of office work for various agencies, including Plattsburgh State and C.V. Hospital.



Richard and Shirley delight in telling how their association with the Brothers began in the days of Br. Romeric Quirion who operated the MAI concession stand on bingo evenings. They, along with their close friends Honorary Brothers Art and Bertha Gordon, soon became regulars at running Bro. Curly's Snack Bar.

As associates of the Brothers, each year they benefit from several days of rest & recreation in Alfred enjoying the hospitality offered them by a very appreciative Notre Dame Community. May this admirable couple be blessed with good health for many more years.

### News Briefs

+ Superior General Br. Yannick Houssay is expected to visit Alfred in early November. At a province gathering he will review the status of the shrinking Notre Dame Province. He will also preside at the Province Chapter called to study the orientations of the recent General Chapter held in March in Ploermel, France.

+ For the second year, Walsh University was named "Great College to Work For" by *The Chronicle of Higher Education* on August 10. Walsh was chosen as one of only 103 universities nationwide. Walsh employees rated Walsh high in two specific areas:



*Collaborative Governance* wherein faculty members are appropriately involved in decisions related to academic programs and in *Confidence in Senior Leadership* recognizing that institutional leaders have the knowledge, skills and experience necessary for institutional success. Congratulations, Pres. Richard Jusseaume and your administrative team.



# Summer Highlights



Fr. Richard Sudlik OMI was the 2012 retreat director for the Brothers' annual weeklong retreat. He presented fresh and practical insights into Jesus' teachings in the Beatitudes. The Buffalo, NY native, now the director of his community's formation house, framed his comments in a folksy manner around personal anecdotes to which fellow religious could easily relate.



Friends gathered on July 28 for Br. Henry Monday's last gathering for the Saturday morning Rosary. Due to his expired tourist visa, Br. Monday traveled home to Uganda on Aug. 2. The application for a more reliable religious R-1 visa is being processed for his return.



Ugandan Brothers gathered in Alfred on the occasion of the visit of their provincial. From left to right, Brothers Pius Ochwo, Rogers Kazibwe, Gerard Mwebe (Provincial), Denis Katusiime, Vincent Barigye and Henry Monday.



The 2012 Jubilarians gathered for their special reception in Notre Dame Cafeteria on July 22. Back row: Brothers Pius Ochwo (25), Jean Laprotte (70), Donald Lapointe, Marcel Crete and Herve Lacroix (60), Albert Heinrich (50). **Front row:** Brothers Fortin, Lucien (50), Ernest Paquet and James Lacasse (70) and Charles Thomas (50).



Members of the new provincial council gathered for their first meeting on July 23. The religious superiors representing the three local communities are present. Pictured are Brothers Walter Zwierchowski (Alfred), Guy Roddy (Vicar) (OH), Jerome Lessard (Provincial), Daniel Caron (Treasurer) (ME) and Ray Fortin (NY).

George Briere  
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## Prevost Alumni Holds Bittersweet Reunion

On Saturday, July 28, the Prevost Alumni gathered at Whites of Westport, MA to honor in a special way the Class of 1962 on its Golden Jubilee.

But the event served as the setting to say goodbye to the Brothers of Christian Instruction leaving Fall River after 85 years of service. Forty-five of these years were in Notre Dame Parish. The Brothers added another 40 post-Prevost years at Bishop Connolly High School.

In the presence of an impressive turnout, alumni president Paul Dumais, Jr. made a presentation of a scroll expressing their appreciation of "the Brothers dedicated, even heroic service".

The scroll bears the names of all the 152 Brothers who taught in the city: 137 at Prevost, 11 at Prevost and at Connolly and 4 at Connolly only. At one time fourteen Brothers were assigned to the Fall River community (1945-46). Some 1,416 students graduated from Prevost in the years 1938-1972.

Most participants gathered at the 4:00 p.m. Mass in St. Bernadette's Church (formerly Notre Dame de Lourdes prior to the merger with Immaculate Conception).

Also recognized were Alumni of the Year Aime Lachance (Editor and writer of the Maple Leaf) and Arthur Francoeur (photographer for the Maple Leaf). This year's 2012 Financial Aid Award was awarded to Mitchell Hibbert in honor of the Brothers of Christian Instruction.

Of the 20 Brothers left in the American Notre Dame Province, fifteen have ties to Prevost-Connolly.



### Picture above from left-right

Paul Dumais Jr.; Paul Dumais Sr. '39; Br. Jerome Lessard; Roland Chabot, '38; Br. Marcel Sylvester; Br. Guy Roddy; Br. Roger Millette; Br. Francis Bloiun; Br. Daniel Caron. Also present was Br. Walter Zwierchowski.

### **In Appreciation**

We thank the Brothers of Christian Instruction for 85 years of service to the Fall River community first at Msgr. Prevost Grammar School and Msgr. Prevost High School. After a devastating fire destroyed the high school in 1968 the Brothers continued their faithful ministry at Bishop Connolly High School until June 2012.

We thank the Brothers of Christian Instruction for challenging their students academically, for broadening their horizons, and guiding them in becoming responsible members of society and true to their Catholic beliefs.

We thank the Brothers of Christian Instruction for providing valuable assistance in their advisory roles with school related activities such as, Sodality, The Maple Leaf, Debate Club, Yearbook, National Honor Society as well as encouraging and supporting efforts of the athletic program with many successful baseball and basketball teams.

We thank the Brothers of Christian Instruction for their zeal, dedication, perseverance and commitment with their ministry in Fall River. Your labor of love will not be forgotten and your friendship always treasured.

Proudly presented,  
Msgr. Prevost High School Alumni Association  
Paul A. Dumais Jr., President  
July 28, 2012

The final three Brothers teaching in Fall River - Roger Millette, Daniel Caron and Walter Zwierchowski - have relocated to Maine where they are offering much appreciated services at the Brothers' Motherhouse in Alfred.

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## Walsh's Legacy IV Group Undergoes the Alfred Experience

A warm welcome was extended by the Brothers of Notre Dame gathered in Alfred to the 11 participants (some with their families) of the July 17-20 visit of the Walsh Legacy IV group.

Janet Howard, Director of the Walsh Leadership Institute, facilitated this trip.



### Group picture L-R

Br. Ernest Paquet, Dave Brobeck, Asst. Prof. Education; Donald Wallenfang, Asst. Prof. Theology; Karen Pergola, SPS Prog. Enrollment Mgr.; Janet Howard, Dir. Walsh Leadership Inst.; Judy Kreye, Asst. Prof. Nursing; Rachel Hosler, Associate Dir. Residence Life; Dan Cunningham, Vice Chair Walsh Board; Kai Brunkalla, Associate Prof. Mathematics; Katherine Brown, Dir. Museum Studies; Br. Marcel Sylvestre.

She states that "in addition to the informative historical presentations expertly delivered by Brothers, a highlight of the week was the one-on-one conversations. This sharing of each individual's personal journey as a Brother of Christian Instruction was a capstone to a time of coming together." The participants shared meals at the Brothers' table and prayer times in Notre Dame Chapel and enjoyed quiet moments by the serene Shaker Pond especially the closing picnic hosted by York County Shelter. For Janet "the sense of 'we are all on the same path' truly became crystal clear. There is such comfort in not only knowing, but also in feeling this shared mission."

Dr. David Brobeck, Assistant Professor of Education, offered the following reflection. "I want to sincerely give thanks for being included in the Legacy group. Learning about the Brothers' history, commitment, and service was humbling. I had wonderful conversations with so many of the Brothers."

Dr. Katherine Brown, Director of Museum Studies, is also very grateful for being part of this memorable and invaluable experience. "I am inspired by the Brothers' cumulative life examples and definitely will incorporate their mission and legacy into my teaching and all other projects on which I work at Walsh."

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