

School Alumni Newsletter

St. John the Evangelist (1916-2005)

St. Ambrose (1922-2005)

St. James (1950-1990)

St. John Neumann (2006-present)

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1st Alumni Reunion Weekend Sept 27-29, 2013

The Alumni Association will be hosting the 1st Alumni Reception for ALL ALUMNI on Sunday, September 29th from 3-5 PM at Dailey Hall and the Alumni Center. This will be followed by an Alumni Mass at 5:00 PM at St. Ambrose Church.

Please **RSVP your reception attendance** to alumni.poc@gmail.com or the Alumni Office at 585-288-5000 for planning purposes. Your response is greatly appreciated!

Reunion weekend is an opportunity to work with the alumni association to plan individual class gatherings for Friday or Saturday and concluding the weekend by joining other fellow alumni at the reception/mass on Sunday. All are invited, separate reunions or not, to the reception/Mass on Sunday.

The milestone years in 2013 are: 1938 (75th), 1943 (70th), 1953 (60th), 1963 (50th), 1973 (40th), 1983(30th), 1988 (25th), 1993 (20th), 2003(10th).

Do you have a Class President – Secretary – a Captain? The classmate at graduation on whom your class bestowed the title “most likely to keep all in touch?” The alumni association would like to have that person identified and on the record. OR, would you like to work with the Alumni Association in being the class contact? Please let us know!

Renew old friendships, remember the good times and reconnect. Start planning now.

1200 POCAA Newsletters Mailed - Registration Response

With the help from a Harris Connect LLC. multiple database search, the association has reached out through the 1st Alumni Newsletter (Winter Issue) to over 1200 alumni prior to the 2005 graduating class and now have valid addresses for over 1100 alumni.

We have now received over 130 alumni registrations and information forms. There were 67 from St. John the Evangelist from 43 different classes. The earliest was 1938. St. Ambrose came in with 39 covering 30 different class years. St. James listed 22 classmates from 13 years. We have not yet reached out to the newest school, St. John Neumann, for registration, until they reach the 21st year of age. Sending email address saves postage!

The 4-School Alumni of POC Parish

Since September 1916 starting at St. John the Evangelist (1916–2005), followed by St. Ambrose (1922–2005), then St. James (1950–1990) Catholic education has been the traditional mission of our Peace of Christ Parish Schools. That tradition continues today at our parish’s surviving school St. John Neumann School (2006–present) located in the former St. Ambrose School building. In that time, we have celebrated 170 graduating classes and educated over 11,000 students.

In late 2011, the **Peace of Christ Alumni Association** (POCAA) was formed to serve an important function. It links the traditions of the past with current practices and plans for the future. The association reconnects former students with friends and associates. It passes forward our Catholic education mission.

If we are to truly be connected with each other and have the association able to serve the needs of our alumni and further our Catholic education tradition, we need your help. The POCAA is asking for all alumni of our four schools to contact us and register with the POCAA with their current profile and to invite their fellow classmates to do likewise.

Tradition Never Graduates

Visit the Peace of Christ web site at <http://www.peaceofchristparish.org/school/alumni> for the latest newsletters and registration form.

By registering with the POCAA you will always be kept informed of reunions, newsletters, and events. However, if you prefer not to receive our information, just let us know, but please send us your current information anyway using the “For Database Information Only” (FDIO) on the form. Be sure to include your email address in either case.

If you know of the location or life status of any of your fellow alumni, please forward that FDIO information so that the POCAA may update and improve the master database.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bob Genthner (SJ’61), Alumni Committee Chairman, preferably by email at alumni.poc@gmail.com or by phone at 585-288-5000 and leave a message.

Father Thomas Rosica C.S.B. St. Ambrose Distinguished Alumnus Class of 1973

Father Thomas Rosica C.S.B., native son of Peace of Christ Parish’s St. Ambrose Church, spoke at St. Ambrose on Saturday, April 13, 2013 on his recent experience as Assistant Spokesperson for the Vatican with particular responsibility for the English and French language media during the transactional time from the retirement of Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI through the Inaugural Mass of Pope Francis. During this time, he stayed at the Jesuit Generalate just down the block from the Vatican – a fortunate coincidence since it was a Jesuit who was elected to be pope. In the course of that month, he did some 160 interviews with the major television networks, newspapers, and radio services of the world in English, French, Italian, German and Spanish.

Father Rosica is currently the head of Canada’s Salt and Light Television Network which serves Canada’s Catholic population much as EWTN serve’s that in the United States.

His sister Maria, an alumna, is a long time parishioner of Peace of Christ parish and taught at St. John the Evangelist School.

The Alumni Center

St. John Neumann School is the place where the spirit, histories and traditions of excellence from St. John the Evangelist, St. James, St. Ambrose, and St. John Neumaann schools have coalesced to create a new and vibrant faith-based educational center.

This POC Alumni Center and conference space holds the repository for the artifacts, photos and history of the Catholic School experience in Peace of Christ Parish. Reunion groups and individuals have the opportunity to explore the reminders of their past, reminisce and rejoice in the future of Catholic Education that they have helped secure.

Class Memorabilia

Thank you to Sr. Barbara Hamm, RSM, a former Principal at St. John the Evangelist, for donating her 1949 St. John the Evangelist class picture with the complete identification of the class listed on the back. It is now prominently displayed in our display case in the Alumni Center. Sr. Barbara now lives in Boynton, Florida.

Stop by when in the area and take a look at our archive! It’s awesome.

Do you have any school treasures you would like to donate (or a scanned copy) to the Alumni Center? We still need most anything from St. James. Any class pictures, yearbooks, class prophecies, photos of class events, classmates, etc.?

Newest Alumni

WELCOME TO THE CLASS OF 2013 to the Alumni Association. Our newest class of 24 graduating students from St. John Neumann was presented with “Alumni Class of 2013” t-shirts at a reception hosted by the Alumni Association in the Alumni Center on June 13th. The students enjoyed ice cream sundaes, heard more about being an alumnus and enjoyed the memorabilia around the room. They were encouraged to stay in contact.

Alumni News and Notes

Congratulations to all of our alumni graduating this year from High School and College! We look forward for having you remain strongly connected to the POCAA and your fellow alumni classmates.

Attention Alumni – the newsletter would like any noteworthy accomplishments, career moves, or awards to pass on to our readers. Please send your contribution to our email address for inclusion in the next Alumni Newsletter issue.

Kentucky Derby Day Party

The DERBY DAY PARTY sponsored by Peace of Christ Parish to raise money for St. John

Neumann School was successfully held on May 4th and raised \$700. Thanks to all who attended.

Scholarship Fund

If any alumnus(a) wishes to contribute to the scholarship fund which provides financial assistance based on need, you may send your donation to "Peace of Christ Parish – SJN", 25 Empire Blvd., Rochester, NY 14609. Please make your check payable to "POC-SJN" and write in the memo field "Scholarship Fund".

Keeping Our School Moving

Three years ago, we were faced with the possible closure of St. John Neumann School by the Diocese. The Parishioners of Peace of Christ stepped up to the plate to keep the school as a vibrant place for learning, growing and sharing. With an ongoing recruitment plan, our school population grew to 186 children. We obtained grants for gym equipment, a digital piano, a new sound system, and parishioners signed up for our "Ignite 1000" program, pledging to contribute each month to the school. This provided money for the teachers to purchase supplies for their classes. We continue to apply for grants, and if you know of any

grant program that we might apply for, please contact the Alumni Association.

In the early fall, you will receive more information about ways you can help the school by donating your time or making a financial gift. Join us in keeping Catholic Education alive at St. John Neumann School.

Alumni RIP

We wish to remember our fellow alumni who have recently passed on to our heavenly Father in 2013. Your help is greatly appreciated.

The following notifications were received at the Alumni Office:

IN MEMORIUM:

January 2013

Irving T. Foss (SA '44)

This POC Alumni Association Newsletter is available in PDF format at: <http://www.peaceofchristparish.org/school/alumni>
To provide alumni registration, information, news, or feedback, please contact Newsletter Editor at alumni.poc@gmail.com, by mail to Peace of Christ Parish, 25 Empire Blvd., Rochester, NY 14609 or by Ph: 585-288-5000.

Peace of Christ's School Alumni Association

Purpose (circle one): *Alumni Association Registration* *For database Information Only*

Please PRINT DATE: _____

Name: _____ Maiden name (if applicable): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email address: _____

POC School attended (circle): St. John the Evangelist St. Ambrose St. James St. John Neumann

POC Graduation Year: _____
OR: I left the school in _____ and graduated from _____ class of _____

High School: _____ Year: _____ College: _____ Year: _____

Occupation: _____

Submitted by (if other than the above): _____ Phone: _____

**Please turn in this form at School or Parish Office or drop into the church collection basket.
You may also mail to: Peace of Christ Parish, 25 Empire Blvd., Rochester, NY 14609
Feel free to scan and email PDF to alumni.poc@gmail.com**

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September 27-29, 2013**

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3-5 pm – Dailey Hall / Alumni Center**

*Both located in the St. John Neumann School, on the campus grounds of
St. Ambrose Church, 25 Empire Blvd.*

Followed at 5:00 pm by Alumni Mass

– ALL Alumni invited -

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