

Inaugural Issue

Welcome to the inaugural issue of *Shrine News*, the first of what we hope will be many quarterly newsletters to be published for alumni and friends of the Shrine of the Little Flower parish.

From the first graduating class in 1933 to the final one this past June, almost 10,000 students passed through the hallowed halls on Brendan Avenue. And, although the school has been closed by the Archdiocese, the church remains a viable entity in the Belair-Edison community.

To that end, the Shrine News is one way to stay in touch. You'll read about what's happening with your classmates, learn about upcoming Reunions and other events and discover all the positive stories about the parish

Little Flower Sunday

All graduates of the Shrine of the Little Flower and their families are invited to attend the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 2 to honor the patron Saint of the parish. Father Mike Orchik, Little Flower pastor, will celebrate the Mass which annually draws many former Students. Following the Mass an informal gathering will be held at the Red Brick Station restaurant at the Avenue in White Marsh.

80th Anniversary

Next year will mark the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Shrine of the Little Flower parish. Plans are currently being formulated to celebrate the occasion with a Bull/Oyster Roast next fall. It will be held on Sunday, Oct. 8, 2006 at Martin's East on Pulaski Highway from 1 to 5 PM. The price and menu have yet to be determined.

Alumni Association

In order to keep in touch with the many Little Flower graduates living throughout Maryland and in other states, a group of graduates from various classes has formed an alumni association with an office located in the parish rectory. If you are interested in joining the organization, which is open to all graduates, parishioners and former parishioners, we ask that you complete the enclosed application and return it along with a \$10 donation to help defray the production and mailing costs of our quarterly newsletter. Checks should be made payable to the Little Flower Alumni and mailed to: Shrine of the Little Flower, 2800 Brendan Ave., Baltimore, MD 21213.

The Alumni Association officers include Bob Campbell (Chairman), Betty Piotrkowski (Treasurer), Susan Scheerer (Secretary), Marie Kelly (At Large), Dennis Meadowcroft (At Large), Tim Pugh (At Large), Jim Durkin (At Large) and Frank Lynch (At Large).

Please offer your suggestions and ideas to help us locate other Little Flower alumni so we can place them on our mailing list. You can do so by calling Bob Campbell at 410-933-3666. Tell him if you are interested in becoming a contact person for your class.

New School

As most of you have already know, the Archdiocese decided earlier this year to close Little Flower, St. Dominic and St. Anthony schools and form a cluster school. The new school. Mother Mary Lange, opened this school year on the campus of St. Anthony of Padua in Gardenville. Each of the three parishes must contribute \$15,000 annually to the new school. Our Alumni Association will assist Father Mike to meet those expenses with several fund raisers throughout the year.

Old School

Future use of the parish school and convent has yet to be determined. Several charter schools have expressed interest and a possibility exists that they might be converted into an assisted living facility. All transactions are being handled by the Archdiocese.

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Alumni Association Application

- Yes, I do want to be a member**
 No, I do not want to be a member.

NAME _____

MAIDEN NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP CODE** _____

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