“COME AND FOLLOW ME”
B.C. PRODUCES 29 ALUMNI PRIESTS

MSGR. ROBERT SHEERAN ’63
Br. Walsh’s Current “Tipping Points” List:

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- Thoroughly-cleaned buildings and grounds
- Re-imagined Campus Ministry and school prayer experiences
- Benches and flowers throughout the grounds, including the interior courtyard
- All classes are now air-conditioned
- Multi-media projectors and speakers mounted on ceilings of every classroom
- Totally re-finished and “branded” gym floor and six new glass backboards
- All lockers electro-statically painted
- Re-designed and appointed Guidance Office suite and Advancement Office suite
- Flat-screen, cable-enabled, 32” TVs in all classrooms
- Electronic bulletin boards strategically placed throughout the school
- Added Mandarin (Chinese) and two new AP courses to the curriculum
- Streamlined admissions/financial aid/scholarship process
- Moving toward a paperless environment
- Marketing and “branding” initiative to create a consistent “look” in advertising, media, clothing, etc.
- A new state-of-the-art website, with additional functionality
- Instituted a cashless cafeteria via electronic debit cards
- Installed a digital attendance, lateness, and visitor log in system
- Global educational opportunities for our students, including a “mini” study abroad experience in Buenos Aires, Argentina AND an “immersion” experience in Lima, Peru
- Rowing/crew addition to athletics; Model U.N. and Ping Pong additions to activities
- Developing our “flagships of achievement”—those value-added things that we do and offer that will make us the “Outlier” in our marketplace

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Friday, January 28, 2011
Poker Night
(A Bergen Catholic Alumni Association event)
6:00 P.M., Bacari Grill, 800 Ridgewood Road, Washington Township, NJ
Friends welcome! Get ready to have fun!
Registration: 6:00 P.M., Tournament starts @ 7:00 P.M. sharp
We will accept MC or Visa.
Please make checks payable to: “B.C. Alumni Association”
All players must be paid in full in advance.
$125.00 Buy-in. Food and beverage included.
Rebuys available.

Class of 1961 50-Year Reunion
Date to Be Announced – Fall of 2011.

Unless otherwise noted, please contact Marge Millus at 201.634.4142 for event information, RSVPs and payment.

Special thanks to the Public Relations Department at Seton Hall University for the photos of Msgr. Robert Sheeran ’63. Cover photo by Leo Sorell, photo on page 3 by Michael Paras, photo on page 6 by G. Steve Jordan.
Bergen Catholic High School is well-known for producing outstanding scholars, businessmen, leaders of society, and athletes during its 56-year reign of excellence. Did you know that B.C. has also produced 29 priests? Thirty-year teaching veteran Jim Horner ’64 takes a look at our proud alumni who serve the Church and its communities in so many outstanding ways.

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Dear Friend of Bergen Catholic,

As you read this edition of Bergen Catholic Crusader magazine, the earth is spinning us to our shortest day of light. A path that causes us to think about the changes in our lives.

I hope the changes in our Bergen Catholic Crusader magazine catch your attention, as does the failing of the glowing orb of day. This edition contains a main theme article on Priests written by faculty member James Horner ’64, and three articles by grade twelve students:

- Conor Lloyd writes on alumnus Bill Madden ’64’s induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame
- Carl Romanos writes on a new mini-study abroad program
- Mark Marsella writes a feature called “Where Are They Now” on former faculty member and baseball coach Al Barton.

This is also the time of year when Christian Churches change the liturgical calendar and begin another year of grace with the start of Advent.

The Gospel chosen for the last day of the Church’s year is from Saint Luke, Chapter 12:

Jesus said to his disciples “Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy… from the anxieties of daily living.”

My wish for each of us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ is that time we spend with our families and friends will serve to lessen the anxieties of our daily lives.

Sincerely,

Br. Brian M. Walsh
President

P.S. – As part of our new Bergen Catholic Crusader magazine, we are inviting comments from our readers. Our editor is Kevin Page ’74 – please drop him a line at kpage@bergen-catholic.org.
December 3, 2010

Dear Friend of Bergen Catholic,

The school year has begun with great enthusiasm. Students have been engaging in significant academic activities, extracurricular events, and spiritual opportunities. Bergen Catholic is an exciting environment and the students are the engine that drives the happenings and, ultimately, the success of the institution. The strong sense of “Brotherhood” which exists amongst the students has been on display in the hallways, classrooms and common areas of the school, but probably most visibly when the students paint themselves in red and gold and come together to form a cheering section in support of their classmates who are participating in interscholastic athletics. The “Crusader Crazies” activities are loud and creative, but the actions are really more of a public statement of affirmation for their classmates than anything else. It really has been a wonderful start to what is sure to be a remarkable school year.

Annually, the school’s curriculum is reviewed to determine how it can be strengthened and broadened. Recent reviews have led to the changing of the sequencing of the Math curriculum, adding AP courses in the areas of European History and English Language and Composition, repositioning AP Biology to the junior year, offering a Computer Animated Design (CAD) course, and creating a media interns class. This school year, the following courses/programs have been added to the curriculum:

- Mandarin
- AP Latin
- The History of the American West

These courses will certainly add to the depth of the already-fine Bergen Catholic academic program. Specifically, the offering of Mandarin satisfies the school’s desire to provide an Asian-based language opportunity for our students. In December 2009, the school applied to The Chinese Guest Teacher Program. This program is jointly sponsored by The College Board and The Confucius Institute of China and is designed to match teachers from China with American secondary schools, which currently have or are constructing a Mandarin program. Bergen Catholic was selected to participate in the program. Mr. Zhen Li is the teacher who has been matched with Bergen and he has been working diligently with his students. Currently, Mandarin I is being offered to the freshman and senior classes. Forty students in all are enrolled in the Mandarin sections.

At Bergen Catholic High School, today, as in the past, students are put on a path that will provide them the opportunity to achieve not just competency in subject areas, but expertise. With the guidance of the faculty, students are able to combine their acquired knowledge with an understanding that they must stand with the marginalized and disenfranchised of today so as to make significant impacts on their local and global communities.

Sincerely,

Tim McElhinney
Principal
“Come and Follow Me”

By James Horner ’64
Bergen Catholic faculty

“The greatest challenge for me as a priest is to keep faithful to God’s grace and to be responsive, day-by-day, to his call and to remain fresh—and youthful—in the power and the mystery that surrounds us who are priests.”

Msgr. Robert Sheeran ’63

“Often I feel like a conductor of an orchestra with a large staff of 25, with 60 ministries, 10 retreats a year and missions in Haiti, Costa Rica, New Orleans and Jersey City.” As Fr. Robert Stagg ’67 has noted, a priest faces many challenges and demands on his time. We’ll bear this challenge in mind as we look at the busy lives and ministries of some of the 29 graduates of Bergen Catholic who are ordained Roman Catholic priests. But ask a busy man for a few words and he will always find the time to share his thoughts! Fr. Stagg, Msgr. Robert Sheeran ’63, Fr. Donald Sella ’73, Fr. Thomas Nydegger ’84, and Fr. Stephen Fichter ’85 all agreed to share with us their ministries, challenges, joys, and formative influences at B.C.
After 15 years as Seton Hall University’s President (and 30 total years at the University), Msgr. Robert Sheeran stepped down in June and began a one-year sabbatical, starting with a semester at Berkeley where he is studying Islam. Fr. Stephen Fichter maintains a dual ministry as solo pastor at Sacred Heart Church in nearby Haworth and as Interim Director of CARA (Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate) at Georgetown University. His doctorate in Sociology has given him the skills needed to lead a sociological study of priests and deacons and their future American populations. Fr. Bob Stagg is currently pastor of one of the largest parishes in New Jersey (Church of the Presentation in Upper Saddle River). After serving as the Vice Rector/Business Manager and Director of Formation at Immaculate Conception Seminary for the past ten years, Fr. Thomas Nydegger has just been reassigned as Associate Vice President of Student Affairs at Seton Hall University. Father Donald Sella serves the Church in Puerto Rico. In one of the poorest regions, he ministers to the poor, the homeless, and present and former members of the US Armed Services. Combining spiritual and sacramental services, counseling, and social services, Fr. Sella (aka “Padre Donal”) bases himself in Fajardo and in Humacao with his chapel in the El Yunque Rainforest.

With the Gospel comes challenges. Padre Donal copes with health difficulties, yet others see him as doing the work of “1.5 priests.” With obvious joy and enthusiasm, Fr. Fichter copes with his biggest problem: “not enough time.” When asked his secret for keeping room for himself in all his University activities, Msgr. Sheeran grows thoughtful. “The greatest challenge for me as a priest is to keep faithful to God’s grace and to be responsive, day-by-day, to his call and to remain fresh—and youthful—in the power and the mystery that surrounds us who are priests.”

Fr. Sella notes, “I suppose, like everyone else these days, my greatest challenge is finding the funding and donations to do all that needs to be done.” According to Fr. Sella, the bigger problem is that the Church is slow to modernize and has difficulty communicating with the modern/present young person. “Young people want a challenge, a career that inspires, and to be part of the people who are making our future.”

Looking at the big picture—the U.S. Catholic Church—Fr. Nydegger does not take our widespread Catholic faith for granted. “I am quickly finding the greatest challenge of my ministry now is that of evangelization. I encounter many with little or no faith life whatsoever. They not only need to be evangelized in the spirit of the New Evangelization launched by Pope John Paul II, but they need to be catechized in the fundamentals and the fullness of the faith,” he notes. “At the same time, I find myself interacting with a wide variety of administration, faculty, staff, and students who have the openness commonly characterized of college campuses throughout our country. Thus, while the challenge is there, so is the excitement of continuing and working with others to spread the gospel message.”

Despite this local challenge to ministry, the Church in the South and Southwest is booming, according to Fr. Fichter. Bishops have trouble building and staffing enough churches to accommodate larger numbers of Catholics. Of course, to provide Catholics with sacramental ministry requires priests—and vocations.

How does one think about becoming a priest? I was particularly interested in how B.C. inspired my fellow alumni. Msgr. Sheeran was very forthcoming, “B.C. supported me many ways, especially, outstanding brothers...I think of Brother John Dornbos...and the presence of the chapel and, of course, annual retreats. They were key factors in God's call to me as an adolescent.”

Fr. Stagg recalls that, “Obviously, the faith-based environment at B.C., along with my local parish, offered me several service opportunities and created an environment which encouraged my own early ministry. It gave me an initial taste of what service in the priesthood might look like. I found...”

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Fr. Donald Sella ‘73
that extremely helpful.” Especially good male faith models will no doubt help B.C. students navigate the environment in which they find themselves. It’s no secret that our secular society, materialism, and crowded schedules don’t do much to foster vocations. Good models and service opportunities and trips, however, go a long way to foster vocations.

Bergen Catholic gave Fr. Fichter “a solid religious foundation and rigorous academic preparation.” He recalls the great camaraderie at Bergen, and activities such as Student Government and Crusaders for Christian Action. He was one of the founders of B.C.’s Right to Life Club, which sponsored many trips to Washington, DC to lobby for the sanctity of all life, born and unborn. When I accompanied him on our first bus trip, his zeal was apparent even then.

Fr. Nydegger reminisced about the impact B.C. made on his call to follow Jesus as a priest. “I entered Bergen Catholic High School in September 1980. Even at that young age, I was thinking about a vocation to the priesthood. The vocation was still young and immature in me, needing to grow and develop into a full-fledged call from God to serve as a priest of Jesus Christ,” he remembers. “Bergen Catholic not only sustained that vocation, but also helped it to grow and develop to where it needed to be upon leaving Bergen Catholic in June 1984. My vocational discernment spanned from the seventh grade through the end of college, a span of 10 years. My understanding of priesthood and the kind of service this embodied and my desire to pursue the priesthood increased with each passing day. In every way, from its classes, to its clubs, to its culture, Bergen Catholic sustained and nourished that vocation in me. I would not be a priest today if it weren’t for the ‘contributions’ of Bergen Catholic High School.”

Discerning a vocation is a mysterious process, but it all starts with people. Fr. Nydegger was direct about the “missing ingredient” in priestly vocations—us!

Talk about the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood or religious life at every turn! Talk loud and strong, not only about the need for vocations, but the fact that God could actually be calling them to the priesthood! Whether it is in the classroom, the gym, the athletic field, the chapel, the hallway, the loudspeaker, the bulletin board, or the written word, regularly bring up the possibility with the students. And addition, and perhaps even more effective, factor would be to get the administration, faculty, and staff to develop a “vocation sense.” If they see a student that appears to them to be a potential priest, they should pull him aside, tell him, tell him why, and then let God do the rest. With vocations, you don’t need to be “in their face” all the time, but you need to be consistent, and to invite men to consider the possibility in their lives.

Any advice for today’s B.C. students? Addressing any student who might be reading this article, Fr. Fichter asks that students “make the best use of your time at B.C.” and to strive to develop “your spiritual life, as well as athletics and academics.”

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Fr. Steven Fichter ’85

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Fr. Robert Stagg ’67
and academics.” Fr. Stagg, warming to a topic always on the minds of Bergen students, exclaims, “I always think high school should be like a really good meal. Any good chef wants to do things a little differently and introduce us to new tastes. Meals should be lingered over, enjoyed and, by all means, had with good friends.”

Reaching out to our current students, Fr. Stagg concludes, “I think we should stretch ourselves, try new things, and certainly engage in the conversation. This is a time for us to get ready for the rest of our lives and to develop our current gifts and define some new ones.”

**WHERE ARE THEY NOW?**

A listing of the 29 Bergen Catholic graduates who went on to become priests, along with their current location:

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**ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

James Horner, ’64 has taught all levels of Religion and English during his 30 years of service to Bergen Catholic. Former moderator of B.C.’s Right to Life Club and Crusaders for Christian Action, he now directs *Talisman*, the school literary magazine.
Eleven New Members Inducted

Eleven new members were inducted into the Bergen Catholic High School Hall of Fame when the Alumni Association presented its Fourteenth Hall of Fame Dinner on Sunday, March 28, 2010.

The event, held once again at the Fiesta in Wood-Ridge, was attended by more than 300 people. Sandy Cerami ’85 acted as the Master of Ceremonies, while Richard Incontro AP ’97 served as the official photographer.

The outstanding inductees, who join the 135 previously-inducted members in the Hall of Fame, are profiled on the following pages.

**Terry Bottinelli ’69**

Mr. Terry Paul Bottinelli, a member of the Bergen Catholic Class of 1969, served as Editor-in-Chief of the Yearbook, participated in numerous organizations (including the school newspaper, *The Herald*), volunteered at St. Agatha’s Home, and participated in intramural sports and activities. After graduating from Fairfield University, he came back to B.C. as a Spanish teacher for four years. During that time, he coached football, monitored the Spanish Club, and organized and supervised several student trips to Spain. During a law career that spans nearly 30 years, he has been recognized as a skilled litigation attorney and has been certified by the New Jersey Supreme Court as a Civil Trial Attorney. Terry has served in several other prestigious roles, including President of the Bergen County Bar Association and of the Bergen County Municipal Judges’ Association and Trustee of the Bergen County and New Jersey State Bar Foundations. He has been a sitting municipal court judge for more than 17 years. Terry has remained active at Bergen Catholic, serving as legal counsel to the school for many years and as President of the Lacrosse Parent’s Club. He and his wife, Maria, are the proud parents of three children (including two B.C. graduates).
Br. Frederick “Chris” Burns ‘62

Br. Fred Burns graduated from Bergen Catholic in 1962. He changed his name to “Br. Chris” when he joined the Congregation of Christian Brothers, and has been a member of that organization for the past 47 years. He graduated from Iona College with a bachelor’s degree in Modern Languages, and went on to pursue his master’s degree in Religious Education at Saint Michael’s College in Vermont. Throughout his teaching career, he has instructed students in Spanish, Theology, and Speech. He chaired various departments at Notre Dame—Bishop Gibbons H.S. in Schenectady, NY, Iona Preparatory School in New Rochelle, NY, Cardinal Hayes H.S. in The Bronx, and St. John Neumann H.S. in Naples, FL. He is presently assigned to Tampa Catholic H.S. in Tampa, FL, where he is the Director of Campus Ministry. Br. Chris has worked since 1985 with the “Called and Gifted” program, imparting the charism and spirituality of Blessed Edmund Rice to the lay faculty, staff, and administrators of the Christian Brothers schools throughout North America. In addition, he has been a member of the Christian Brothers “ACTION” team that works with the student leaders, training them in implementing social action programs in their schools.

Marc Ferro ‘93

Mr. Marc Ferro, a 1993 graduate of Bergen Catholic, made his mark in the sport of golf, contributing to the strong tradition and dominant success of the B.C. golf program. During his four years at school, one of the major highlights he enjoyed was helping the team win the New Jersey state team title in 1991. Marc was also the first golfer in history to win the Dan Luciano Bergen County Tournament in consecutive years (1991 and 1992). He captured the Odell Nassar Championship during his junior year and finished off his B.C. career by taking home the New Jersey Tournament of Champions individual title. Overall, Marc compiled an overwhelming record of 99-1 over his four years at school. His many outstanding performances earned him significant recognition. In addition to being selected First-Team All-County in three different years, The Record honored him with the nickname “King Crusader” and selected him to its 1990s All-Decade Team. Marc went on to attend Georgetown University, where he was a four-year starter. He helped the team secure its first-ever NCAA regional invitation in 1997 during a season in which he also garnered Academic All-American honors. Marc’s passion for the game continues to this day.

Raymond Hopkins ’83

Mr. Raymond Hopkins is a 1983 graduate of Bergen Catholic who played football and baseball for three years each, and soccer and track and field for one season each. He is currently the chief operating officer for the YES Network, the television home of the New York Yankees and New Jersey Nets and the most-watched regional sports network in the country the past seven years. Since joining YES in December 2004, Ray is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the company while also directly overseeing the cable, satellite and telco distribution for the network. His 21-year career in cable began in 1989 when he joined CNBC as an affiliate sales representative. He ultimately became the senior vice president of affiliate sales and marketing at Fox Cable Networks, where he oversaw the distribution and the marketing of the company’s cable properties. Ray graduated from Gettysburg College in 1987 with a B.A. in Political Science, and received the school’s “Young Alumni Achievement Award” in 2002. He has been honored by the cable trade publication CableFax in its “Top 100 Most Influential in Cable” issue for seven consecutive years. He has been extremely active in B.C.’s fundraising efforts over the years. Ray and his wife, Marci, have two children.
Eleven New Members Inducted

Keith Krayer
Mr. Keith Krayer arrived at Bergen Catholic in September 1963 as a History teacher and head football coach. Keith, the third head coach in the varsity football team’s history, led the Crusaders to their first two State Championships (1963 and 1965). Compiling a record of 19-8 during his tenure, he also led B.C. to its first undefeated season (9-0 in 1965). The Crusaders developed into a powerhouse in 1965, outscoring their opponents by a 345-63 margin. Twelve seniors from that team went on to play football in college. Keith was named “Coach of the Year” by three newspapers, including The Record and The New York Times. He attended Scranton Central High School, where he was a three-sport athlete and captain. He earned a football scholarship to Rutgers University, where he lettered three years and was a member of the school’s first undefeated team. Keith left B.C. in June 1966 to venture into the business world. After several moves, he and his family settled in Acton, MA, where he started a manufacturer’s rep company in 1978. Keith and his wife, Maggi, have five children and twelve grandchildren.

Matteo LaMuraglia ’70
Mr. Matteo LaMuraglia, a 1970 graduate of Bergen Catholic, played football for four years for the Crusaders, including two as a starter. A 1974 alumnus of the University of New Hampshire, Matt played four years of football at UNH for his fellow inductee and former Bergen Catholic coach, Bob Norton. Matt has spent the last 27 years at Bowne & Co., a financial document management company, where he is a sales director. A strong believer in Catholic education, Matt has long been a major contributor to Bergen Catholic while also serving on the Board of Directors for eight years as well as on the school’s Development Committee. He is also a past member of the Student Sponsor Group, having mentored and supported two students through All Hallows High School, also a Christian Brothers school in The Bronx.

Eric Lane ’92
Eric C. Lane, Esquire, was a graduate of B.C.’s Class of 1992 and was a key member of the 1991 North Jersey Parochial “A” State Championship football squad. During his senior campaign, Eric helped lead the team to an undefeated season and a final #11 national ranking. An outstanding running back, Eric averaged 8.8 yards-per-carry and amassed single-season school-record totals of 1,623 rushing yards and 24 rushing touchdowns (both of which stand to this day). He earned a plethora of honors during his senior year: All-N.N.J.I.L., All-Bergen County, Associated Press and Star-Ledger All-State, New York Daily News All-Suburban, New Jersey Interscholastic Coaches Association North/South All-Star, Tom Lemming’s Prep Football Report All-East squad, USA Today All-American (Honorable Mention), and Downtown Athletic Club Heisman High School All-Star. Eric’s varsity career statistics rank second-best on the all-time B.C. list for yards-per-carry and rate fifth-best in rushing yards (2,376) and total scoring (218 points). He went on to play collegiately for the University of Tennessee Volunteers and professionally in the National Football League for the New York Giants (1997 NFC East Champions) and Atlanta Falcons.
J.R. Meloro ‘91
Mr. J.R. Meloro, a graduate of the Class of 1991, was one of Bergen Catholic’s greatest cross-country and track runners. Overall, he was a two-time All-State selection (cross-country and indoor track) and was chosen First-Team All-Bergen County a total of five times. In December 1999, J.R. was named to The Record’s 1990s All-Decade Team for indoor track. He was a Bergen County Group 4 champion twice and a state runner-up on two occasions. J.R. finished in fifth place in the 1991 National Indoor Track Championships and was subsequently named “Athlete of the Week” by The Record. The co-recipient of the Brother Eugene McKenna Award at B.C.’s 1991 commencement, he also delivered the graduation address. As captain of the cross-country and track teams at the University of Notre Dame, he competed in three NCAA and six IC4A championships. He was Midwest Collegiate Conference champion twice at 5,000 meters and graduated as N.D.’s seventh-fastest 10,000-meter runner in school history. After graduating from N.D., he returned to B.C. to teach English and coach for three years. Currently, J.R. is Executive Vice President at Publicis Healthcare. He and his wife, Ann, have two children.

Robert Norton
Mr. Robert Norton began a three-year teaching and coaching career at Bergen Catholic in 1966, teaching Spanish and History and serving as head coach of the football team and as an assistant baseball coach to Vic Liggio. He was also involved in the formation of the B.C. hockey program. Bob had a 19-5-3 record as head football coach and led the Crusaders to a perfect 9-0 record in his first season. Bob left B.C. in the spring of 1969 to become assistant football coach at Holy Cross College, before moving on one year later to become assistant football and hockey coach at the University of New Hampshire. In 1976, he began a 33-year career as a school administrator, 30 of which were spent as the Principal of three schools: Hillsboro Dering (NH) H.S., Belmont (NH) H.S., and Woburn (MA) H.S. Bob was chosen as “Principal of the Year” in New Hampshire in 1988. A graduate of Rutgers University (where he was captain of the football team and also a varsity baseball player), Bob also has had a career of 33 years as a television color analyst for football and hockey. A member of the Watertown High School and New Hampshire Legends of Hockey Halls of Fame, he was the recipient of two New England Emmys for his TV work. Rob and his wife of 40 years, Ellen, have three children.

Zeke Rodgers ’92
Mr. Hugh “Zeke” Rodgers, a member of the Class of 1992, established himself as one of the finest all-around athletes and coaches in Bergen Catholic history. During his career, he starred in three different varsity sports for the Crusaders. He was an All-County punter as well as a two-year starter at quarterback and safety for B.C., and was a valuable member of the nationally-ranked 1991 football team that finished with an 11-0 record. Zeke threw 10 touchdown passes for the Crusaders that season and completed 57% of his passes. During that period, he was also a two-year starter for the back-to-back Bergen County Jamboree championship basketball team that was led by legendary coach Chris Donfield. The basketball Crusaders compiled a 45-13 record and reached the Parochial “A” North Section Finals twice during Zeke’s two seasons as a starter. He was a two-year starter in the outfield for B.C. baseball teams that combined for a 50-9 record. Zeke returned to B.C. as a teacher and coach, and is currently the Director of Admissions. He has coached each of the sports that he played in at B.C. for the Crusaders, in addition to lacrosse. Zeke and his wife, April, have two children.

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**Class of 1960**

Br. Richard DeMaria, Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Miami and Executive Director Ministry of Christian Formation by the Archdiocese of Miami, received the Lumen Christi (Light of Christ) Award at the Cathedral of St. Mary in Miami. Brother’s work has been a testament to the dedication exemplified by his order, whose members commit their lives to the development of education and community. He worries that Catholic education will one day only be accessible to the wealthy. Brother supports the existence and expansion of parental choice programs. He has created caring communities, lead by example and set high standards. Brother has successfully affirmed “communion is the greatest instrument of evangelization.”

**Class of 1964**

Michael Cole earned his Doctorate in Marketing from Pace University at commencement ceremonies on May 26, 2010.

**Class of 1966**

Alan Jennerich is proud to announce the birth of his first grandchild, Peyton Marie Jennerich. Alan and his wife, Jeannette, are living in Weatherby Lake, MO.

Warren Junium informed us that it has been a major year for his family. It all started in January when his son, Christopher, completed the defense of his thesis and then went on to receive his Ph.D. in Geology from Penn State. On July 12, Warren and his wife, Beth, welcomed their second grandchild, Christine Rosemond Junium, who was born in Salt Lake City, UT. Then, on October 17, Christopher married Susan Parks in Ithaca, NY. Warren also told us that former B.C. classmate Frank McGrath recently became a grandfather, as well.

Jack O’Connell and his wife, Karen, welcomed their second grandson, Madeleine Ellen O’Connell, on June 10, 2010.

**Class of 1968**

Former B.C. gridiron star Bill Brazee ‘68 (far left) visits with former classmate and teammate Gerard Hennessey ‘68 and Gerard’s two sons, Connor (40) and Patrick (15), both of whom are varsity two-way starters at Broadwater Academy in Virginia (where Gerard is a Director).

**Class of 1970**

Tom Curry has enjoyed a very exciting and newsworthy year. In February, he was honored by the Bergen County Coaches Association by being named winner of the Howard H. Bollerman, Sr. Memorial Award, which is presented annually to a person who has made significant contributions to Bergen County boys’ basketball. The former BCCA President was named “Bergen County Coach of the Year” in 2002, and was named Bergen County Scholastic League “Coach of the Year” a total of four times. Tom was named Director of Athletics at Bergenfield High School in June, and was recently credited in an article in The Record as being a major influence in the resurgence of the Bears’ various sports programs. Tom is also on the Bergen County YMCA Sports Dinner Committee and serves as the emcee for the Awards Dinner each November.

**Class of 1971**

Kevin Smith ‘71 holds his grandson, Dylan Smith ‘27, who is the son of Mike Smith ‘00.

**Class of 1975**

Perry Sella lives in Dingmans Ferry, PA with his wife, Carol Ann, and their four children. In their spare time, they have become involved in two of their church’s Outreach Ministries to help bring the Bible to the unchurched. One is a creative NYC street theater ministry and the other is a 500-mile bicycle ride to raise funds for needy causes. If you want to find out more, go to the links below and keep Perry and Carol Ann in your prayers.

AND
http://www.pillar.org/missions/freedom_ride

**Class of 1977**

Patrick J. Kiernan has been promoted to the FBI’s Senior Executive Services (“SES”). The SES is an elite cadre of employees who are most responsible for carrying out the FBI’s law enforcement and intelligence missions. Patrick has relocated from Little Rock, AR to Washington, DC and will serve in the FBI’s Directorate of Intelligence. He celebrated 24
years of service with the FBI in September.

Class of 1986

Chris Unger spent several months in South Africa over the last year organizing and managing the World Cup.

Class of 1990

Isao Sekiguchi works for Summit Motors Slovakia. He received his third overseas assignment last April. He is living in Bratislava, Slovakia and running three companies in the capital city.

Class of 1994

Randy Becker and his wife, Kerry, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Ethan Bryce, born on September 9, 2010. The proud big sisters are Joelle Isabel and Lila Rose. The Becker’s live in Howard County, MD, where Randy practices as a radiologist and Kerry practices as a podiatrist.

Class of 1995

Justin Cece was among a group of editors who received the 2010 News and Documentary Emmy for Best Editing - Quick Turnaround, for “Inside the Obama White House” on NBC.

Al Spiegel and his wife, Debra, welcomed twins, Ryan James (five pounds, six ounces) and Nicole Catherine (five pounds, 12 ounces) on July 6, 2010. Two-year-old Christopher is the big brother of the twins.

Class of 1997

Dr. Matthew J. Bott married Lucia Maria Acquefredda on August 21, 2010. The couple met at Sloan Kettering Hospital in New York City. Matthew is currently a thoracic surgeon resident at New York Presbyterian Hospital and Lucia is an oncology nurse, studying to be a nurse practitioner at Sloan Kettering. The wedding reception was held at the Oheka Castle in Huntington, Long Island.

Class of 1998

Matthew Bott’97 (Groom), Rob Ritchie’97, Michael Cheung’97, and Mark Galorenzo’98.

Class of 2000

Matthew McQueeny and Melany Felsen will marry on December 31, 2010 at the Crystal Plaza in Livingston, NJ. Matt is a graduate of New York University and is a web producer for Winning Strategies ITS.

William Penn married Caitlin on October 16, 2009. Their first child, a boy, was expected to arrive in late October. The Penn’s live in Lake Hiawatha, NJ.

Class of 2003

Anthony Burke will marry Stephanie Ratushny in the fall of 2011. He received his bachelor’s degree from The College of New Jersey and his master’s degree in American History from Fordham University. Anthony teaches History at Hanover Park Regional High School.

Class of 2004

John Garlasco graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 2008. He is serving in Afghanistan at Camp Dwyer as a second lieutenant.

Michael McQueeny graduated from Syracuse University in 2008. He has been accepted at Villanova Law School.

Class of 2006

Will Brown was named a 2009-10 Collegiate All-American (one of 12 nationally) by the Intercollegiate Sailing Association on June 3 at the ISCA National Awards dinner. He is a 2010 graduate of Brown University, where he was a four-year starter on the sailing team. Will’s name will be inscribed on the All-American Sailing Trophy kept at the ISCA Sailing Hall of Fame at the US Naval Academy. Will also was named to the 2010 All-

New England Team as a First-Team Skipper. He is presently the Head Coach of the Columbia University sailing team.

Michael Focarino has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force after completing the Air Force ROTC program and graduating with a bachelor’s degree from Iona College. He has been assigned to the 824th Security Forces Squadron, Moody Air Force Base in Valdosta, GA.

Class of 2009

Paul Girardi (right) is attending University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey—College of Osteopathic Medicine in Stratford, NJ. He poses with younger brother, Mike ’09, after Paul’s “White Coat Ceremony.” Mike is attending Swarthmore College, where he is a starter on the lacrosse team.

Class of 2009

Michael Bottinelli spent nearly seven weeks in Lima, Peru at Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia, studying and working in a laboratory for the summer.
Class of 1970 40-Year Reunion
Saturday, October 9, 2010

Columbus Day weekend 2010 drew the Class of 1970 together for a day-long celebration of our 40th reunion. Over 40 alumni, faculty, and guests spent a wonderfully-warm fall day together, sharing stories (many of them true), and toasting and roasting each other and our absent classmates.

Our day began at Bergen, where we watched the Crusaders trounce an overmatched Fair Lawn football team, with B.C.’s opponent apparently aware that our class expected a win. Most sportsmanlike of them! After touring the school, finding our old lockers, freshmen home rooms and the like, we gathered for Mass in the chapel, a liturgy made all the more special by the presence of Father Steve Imbarrato, having trekked from New Mexico to be with his classmates. Father Steve gave an insightful and spirited homily and we remembered all of our classmates, near and far, and those who have passed on.

Next, it was off to Washington Township for a fine evening of food, wine, and friendship in the comfortable confines of the Bacari Grill. We were delighted that Brother Brian M. Walsh, C.F.C., Brother James B. Walsh, C.F.C., Brother John Gilchrist, C.F.C., and Brother Vincent McNally, C.F.C., were able to join us, and their presence made a wonderful evening all the more special, as did Brother Edward Beyer’s being with us at the chapel for Mass.

We are grateful to our Reunion Committee and to Bergen’s own Marge Millus, who gracefully handled a host of details, from menu choices to last-minute name tags, graduation photos, and all.

As we move toward our 50th reunion, mark your calendars…2020 will be here before we know it!

Michael Puzo ’70
Class of 1980 30-Year Reunion – Saturday, June 5, 2010

The Class of 1980 celebrated its 30-year reunion at the Bacari Grill in Washington Township, NJ on June 5, 2010, with 46 Crusader alumni and special guests John Puzio and Scott Gismond in attendance. In addition to many stories being told and re-told, several keen observations were made over the course of the evening:

- **Tommy Freeman** looks like he could still attend homeroom. He says the secret is clean living but it’s probably really good plastic surgery.
- **Mike Salvatore** and **Joe Lanza** didn’t realize it was a reunion and instead brought prom dates.
- **Jim Barry** has a death grip handshake.
- **Joseph Bossolina** is the master of conversation and (self-admittedly) useless knowledge.
- Lots of lawyers from the class of 1980! We’ve got everything covered from criminal defense to corporate litigation to white collar crime.
- **Joe Azelby** can do it all – and showcased even comedic talents as emcee for the class address.
- **Jeff Rutkowski** smiles/laughs a lot and is either genuinely happy or the happy beneficiary of fermented grain – probably both.
- **Ralph Ruggiero** apparently has no hang-ups and was willing to bare all during the class photo.
- There was plenty of food left over but the bar was decimated.
- **John Buckley** fended off some fathers who have high school kids that really want to attend Fordham.
- **Billy Gaffney** and **Pete Dispirito** must be doing “Body for Life” together. They weigh less now than they did at B.C.!
- Long-distance traveler awards should have gone to **Mike Shwed** (Florida) and **Tom Franco** (Virginia). We were having such a good time we forgot to hand them out!
- The parking lot attendants wanted to go home and hand delivered car keys to those who wouldn’t leave. The diehards who remained jockeyed with the attendants for the keys to the best cars remaining.
- The Bacari Grill finally threw us out at 1:00 A.M., but **Tom Franco**, **Mike Laforzetta**, **Darren Maloney**, **Danny Markham**, **Mark Musella**, and **Kevin O’Connell** wound up congregating in the parking lot scheming for the next good time…

Chuck Lester ’80
Class of 1990 20-Year Reunion
Saturday, October 2, 2010

On October 2, 2010, the Class of 1990 held its 20-year reunion at the Bacari Grill in Washington Township, NJ. Earlier in the day, many members of the class attended the B.C.-Bosco football game (and vowed to return together to the State playoff game in December when the Crusaders turn the tables on the Ironmen). A group of over 40 Crusader alumni and their guests attended the night at Bacari. Special guests included B.C. President Brother Brian M. Walsh, C.F.C., and Brother James B. Walsh, C.F.C. Throughout the night, many old B.C. stories were shared and much laughter could be heard from all in attendance. A constant theme was the gratitude all felt for the role B.C. played and continues to play in their personal and professional development. The celebration at Bacari concluded at 11:00 P.M., but continued around the corner at the Dog House Salon in Washington Township until the late hours of the night. Everyone had a wonderful time at the event. Many thanks as always to Marge Millus for putting the reunion together.

Neil O’Halloran ’90

Class of 2000 10-Year Reunion
Saturday, May 8, 2010

On May 10, 2010, the Class of 2000 held its 10-year reunion at the Bacari Grill in Washington Township, NJ. A group of over 50 Crusader alumni and their guests attended. The gathering began at 7:00 P.M. with some introductory remarks by co-organizer Robb Egan. Special guests, both current and former faculty and administrators, included Dr. Joseph Fusco, Father Jim White, Mr. John Puzio, Ms. Francesca Tambone-Puzio, Mr. Anthony Mattera, and Mr. Joseph Dionisio ’77. Throughout the night, attendees shared their fondest high school memories, bringing laughter to the room, and often attributed much of their personal and professional development to their years at Bergen Catholic. A moment of silence was held to remember those no longer with the Class of 2000. The celebration at Bacari concluded at 11:00 P.M., but continued at the Cornerstone in Hillsdale, NJ. Various B.C. chants, heard prodigiously during the numerous athletic and extracurricular events that marked this class’s place in school history, certainly raised more than a few eyebrows from non-Crusader patrons at the Cornerstone.

The amazing night would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of Marge Millus, who was instrumental in putting it together.

James Tieng ’00
Richard Scanlon ’99

Mr. Richard Scanlon, a member of the Bergen Catholic Class of 1999, was able to achieve considerable success both on the field and in the classroom during his days at B.C. A member of the National Honor Society, he was a three-year starter for the Crusaders’ football team and was a captain on the legendary 1998 team that finished #9 in the country and was voted “Bergen County Team of the Century.” Rich was recognized as the “New Jersey Defensive Player of the Year” by the Star-Ledger in 1998 and also earned First-Team All-State honors and a scholarship to Syracuse University that year. While at Syracuse, he was a four-year letterman, a starter for three seasons at linebacker, and a team captain. He won the Bill Horr Award as the MVP of the 2003 team after a season in which he finished ninth in the country in tackles, was named Second-Team All-Big East, and was chosen as the defensive MVP of the Blue-Gray All-Star Game. After graduating magna cum laude with a B.S. in Pre-Medicine in 2003, Rich went on to play in the National Football League for the Kansas City Chiefs, Tennessee Titans, and New York Giants. Having retired from the NFL, Rich is now pursuing his M.B.A. at the prestigious Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.
The Class of 1960 returned to campus over the June 11th weekend to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our graduation. Ours was the first class to complete all four years at the then-newly-constructed Catholic (regional) high school. Of the 179 graduates in the Class of 1960, 45 returned to Oradell to attend one or more of the weekend’s activities both on and off campus. Former classmates came not only from the local Bergen County area but from all across the U.S.

The event-packed weekend began on Friday with lunch and golf at the Hackensack Golf Club hosted by members Pete Feniello ’60, Joe Patterson ’60, and Jim McCarthy ’69. In beautiful weather, five foursomes enjoyed playing 18 holes and reflecting on their days together at B.C. A reception and dinner followed at the golf club, with several other classmates joining in to catch up the last 50 years.

Saturday morning provided free time for visits to home towns and family and friends still living in the greater New Jersey-New York area. In the afternoon we were welcomed, in the school’s library, by Brother Brian M. Walsh, C.F.C., who assumed the position of Bergen Catholic’s third president in July 2009. Presentations on B.C. today were given by two recent graduates Joe Fiorica ’10 and Pete Angelica ’10, and a DVD featuring individual photos and vignettes from our yearbook was shown. Frank Sinatra’s When I was Seventeen and Bruce Springsteen’s Glory Days very appropriately accompany the images on the DVD. It’s important to note that a few members of the group managed to recognize themselves! Tours of the school were led by young Crusaders who described a slightly different environment from what was experienced by our class during those first years in the new school facility.

A Celebration of the Liturgy, held in the McKenna-Lawrence Chapel, followed the campus tours. The Mass was concelebrated by Reverend Monsignor Patrick Panos ’60 and Reverend Patrick J. Lynch ’60. Brother John L. Gilchrist, C.F.C., was server. Monsignor Panos gave the homily, and the names of the 23 deceased from the Class of 1960 were read. After Mass, we were pleasantly surprised by a second commencement ceremony with Brother Walsh.
presenting each of us with a Golden Diploma. Brother Walsh kindly avoided any look back at grades or class rankings; however, he did provide all attendees with a much appreciated “Replica Edition” of the Second Annual Commencement Exercises program dated June 19, 1960. The singing of Lead on Bergen Catholic High and a Class of 1960 reunion photo concluded activities in the chapel.

A dinner and reception at the Bacari Grill marked the end of the weekend’s activities. Classmates and guests were joined by Coach John Mazziotta, Brother James B. Walsh, C.F.C., and Brother Gilchrist. The event was filled with lively stories, treasured memories, laughter, and tears brought back to life and sparked by reminiscences of classmates who spent four unforgettable years together 50 years ago. The B.C. ball caps, reunion booklet with background and reflection pages, as well as the yearbook DVD, were all enthusiastically received and will preserve the memories of a great reunion. After dinner, class member Dan Mecca, as he has done at previous Class of 1960 reunions, provided a comedic repartee of things remembered about his classmates. Dan also acknowledged and thanked Marge Millus, Director of Alumni Relations, and Joe Branciforte ’64, Director of Institutional Advancement, for their efforts in making this reunion so special.

We are privileged to have enjoyed a fun-filled reunion weekend reflecting on those four important formative years with the Irish Christian Brothers at Bergen Catholic High. The key objective of most high school reunions is to bring folks back together who were once schoolmates and the best of friends, but whose lives took them in directions which may have loosened ties or perhaps caused former best friends to lose touch. This 50th reunion at our alma mater did just that—it reunited us to renew friendships and put us back in touch. It was great!

We are B.C.! Deus Vult!

George Jonic ’60
Bergen Catholic’s fifty-second graduation ceremony took place on June 6 at the Felician College auditorium in Lodi, NJ. Brother Brian M. Walsh, C.F.C., President of Bergen Catholic, and Mr. Tim McElhinney, Principal, presided over the ceremony, which was attended by more than 1,500 people. Two members of the Class of 2010, William James Leonard and Christopher Joseph Quinn, spoke during the ceremony.

The Class of 2010 consisted of 189 students from 66 towns in four Counties, bringing B.C.’s all-time total of graduates to more than 11,000 students. Sixty-nine percent of the senior class (130 students) earned a total of more than $22.3 million in scholarships and grants (the highest total ever at the school).

**Awards & Honors**

**Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice Award – “First in Merit”**
Joseph Christopher Fiorica

**Br. Alfred X. Keane, C.F.C. Award – “Second in Merit”**
Christopher Michael Bush

**Br. Patrick A. Gleeson, C.F.C. Award – Religious Education**
Peter A. Janusz

**Br. James H. Vaughan, C.F.C. Award – English**
Nicholas John Messina

**Br. Jerome A. Shannon, C.F.C. Award – History**
Sean Richard von Ohlen

**Br. Edward T. Lopez, C.F.C. Award – Physics**
Peter Curme Angelica

**Br. Francis K. Fish, C.F.C. Award – Chemistry**
Timothy McAndrew

**Br. William M. Stoldt, C.F.C. Award – Biology**
Anthony Mario DeFilippis

**Br. Matthew D. Sinnott, C.F.C. Award – Calculus**
Donghoon Lee

**Br. Joseph M. Clark, C.F.C. Award – Mathematics**
Joseph Christopher Fiorica

**Br. Joseph S. Smith, C.F.C. Award – French**
Michael Taylor Bruno

**Br. Patrick S. Moffett, C.F.C. Award – Italian**
Gian Paolo Santillan

**Br. Michael H. Bradley, C.F.C. Award – Spanish**
Gabriel Antonio Canizo

**Br. Arthur A. Loftus, C.F.C. Award – Latin**
Maxwell Anthony Branda

**Br. J. Anthony Reynolds, C.F.C. Award – Art**
Steven Gregory Severino

**Br. Ken Grondin, C.F.C. Award – Music**
Anthony Lacza Lee

**Br. Richard L. Connolly, C.F.C. Award – Computer Science**
Daniel Jesus Gonzalez

**The John Courtney Award – Christian Service**
Christopher Joseph Quinn

**The Victor Liggio Award – Outstanding Scholar-Athlete**
Christopher Michael Bush

The Bergen Catholic Class of 2010 contained 19 graduates whose fathers are also alumni of B.C., bringing the school’s father/son grand total to 271 pairs. Here are the father/son pairings, with the 2010 graduates standing in the middle row and their respective fathers (with their graduation years noted) standing one row above each of them:

Left: (Top and middle rows, L to R): Daniel and Lawrence ’85 Ferolie, Zachary and Michael’80 Daly, Brian and Christopher ’79 Kloeblen, Conor and Thomas ’74 Finnegan, Gregory and Frederick ’75 Bolbo, James and Christopher ’77 Cosgrove, and Michael and James’77 Brusco. (Front row, L to R): Joseph’77 and Kyle Dionisio, Br. Thomas E. Guihen, C.F.C. (Moderator – Bergen Catholic Alumni Association), B.C. Principal Mr. Tim McElhinney, B.C. President Br. Brian M. Walsh, C.F.C., and Thomas and Richard ’75 Certo. (Not pictured) Anthony and Anthony ’73 Flaim.
Alumni Scholarships

The Br. Eugene D. McKenna, C.F.C. – Alumni Scholarship
(Funded by The Bergen Catholic Alumni Association)
Joseph Christopher Fiorica

The Br. Peter L. Lawrence, C.F.C. – Alumni Scholarship
(Funded by The Bergen Catholic Alumni Association)
Peter Curme Angelica

The Br. John L. Gilchrist, C.F.C. – Alumni Scholarship
(Funded by The Bergen Catholic Alumni Association)
Gabriel Antonio Canizo

TOP 25 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES AND NUMBER OF STUDENTS ATTENDING

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* Does NOT include financial aid awarded.
2010 Graduation

Faculty Service Awards
(Presented by Br. Brian M. Walsh, C.F.C., President of Bergen Catholic High School)

2010 Pro Multis Annis Awards
(Forty years of service to Bergen Catholic High School)
Mr. Thomas Fuchs
Mr. Scott Gismond

2010 Pro Operis Awards
(Twenty years of service to Bergen Catholic High School)
Mr. Daniel Kurpick
Mrs. Kathleen LaBarbiera

2010 Corona Laurea Award
(Twenty years of service to Bergen Catholic High School as a coach)
Mr. Anthony DeBellis ’85
Would you like to honor or memorialize a loved one or friend? Or, a special occasion? If so, a brick in Crusader Promenade, located at field level just outside the Nicholas G. Saingas Training Center, may be just for you!

Or, perhaps you would prefer a leaf or a stone on our Tree of Life, located at the entranceway to Hoehl Gymnasium and Hoehl Hall.

Either option will offer you the opportunity to create a perpetual remembrance or recognition for that special loved one, friend, or occasion. Whether you choose a brick under the sun and the stars, or a leaf on our cozy, indoor Tree of Life, is up to you.

For further information, please call or e-mail Joe Branciforte ’64, Director of Institutional Advancement at: (201) 634-4140, or: JBRANCIFORTE@BERGENCATHOLIC.ORG

Crusader Promenade Brick-by-Brick Pricing Chart
“Crusader Promenade” is located on the outside eastern edge of the Saingas Training Center, at field level.

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Tree of Life

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Six outstanding Bergen Catholic alumni and contributors were honored when the school hosted its Third Annual Crusader Gala on October 29. The event, run jointly by the Office of Institutional Advancement and the Parents’ Club, was held at the Rockleigh Country Club in Rockleigh, NJ and was attended by more than 500 people.

The honorees received Founder’s Medals that were presented by Bergen Catholic President Br. Brian M. Walsh, C.F.C. The six honorees included John Barrett ’64, Charles Flynn (a member of the B.C. faculty since 1973), and benefactors Brian ’74 and Maureen Gallagher CP ’11, AP ’05 and Carmen and Joseph Unanue AP ’75, ’85.


Left: (L to R) B.C. President Br. Brian M. Walsh, C.F.C., Master of Ceremonies Sandy Cerami ’85, and Director of Institutional Advancement Joseph Branciforte ’64 draw one of the winning tickets in the 50-50 raffle.
John Barrett, also a graduate of Fordham University, is currently the owner/manager of the Barrett Funeral Home in Tenafly, NJ. A resident of Tenafly and Spring Lake Heights, he is a parishioner of Mount Carmel R.C. Church in Tenafly and serves as an Eucharistic Minister and as a member of its finance committee.

In addition to serving his church, John is generous with his “spare” time in other ways. He currently serves as a Bergen Catholic Class Chair and as a member of the President’s Club of Fordham University, and previously served on the Board of Trustees of the Academy of the Holy Angels in Demarest, NJ from 1999 to 2005.

Charles B. Flynn, currently in his 38th year as a member of the Bergen Catholic High School faculty, has enjoyed one of the longest tenures in the school’s storied history. A graduate of Newark State College (now known as Kean University), he honed his teaching skills as a substitute teacher in the Jersey City Public School System (teaching primarily at Dickinson and Ferris High Schools) before arriving at B.C. in the fall of 1973.

After many years as a freshman English teacher, Charles served as Department Chairman of the English Department from 1994 to 2007. He also took on the duties of Chairman of the Fine Arts Department for two years, and has also taught an SAT preparation course since 1980.

In 2007, he became a member of the Guidance Department, working with freshmen and sophomores while continuing to teach English. He is the creator (and Moderator) of highly-popular activities such as BCTV and “Battle of the Bands,” and was the co-founder of the Walden Pond Arts and Music Festival. Charlie also served the Athletic Department for four years as the J.V. baseball coach.

These contributions to B.C. were recognized back in 1999, when he was honored as the school’s “Teacher of the Year.”

Brian and Maureen Gallagher have always been very supportive of Bergen Catholic High School. They continue a long tradition of family commitment that started when Brian’s parents became involved during the 1970’s, when Brian and his two brothers attended B.C.

The proud parents of four children (two of them B.C. students: Dan ’05 and current senior Jack), Brian and Maureen have been very active members of the Diamond Club and the Touchdown Club (support groups for the baseball and football programs, respectively).

Brian, who graduated from Rutgers University and earned his M.B.A. from Iona College, joined Becton Dickinson & Co. in 1980 and recently celebrated his 30th year there. He has held various finance roles throughout his career and is currently the Director of the North American Financial Service Center based in Franklin Lakes, NJ. He was very active coaching youth sports in Allendale, including Upper Saddle River/Allendale football, Allendale recreation/travel baseball, and soccer.

Maureen, whose two brothers graduated from B.C. (Don ’77 and Tim ’85 Lynch), attended Immaculate Heart Academy and Montclair State University and has worked for American Airlines for the last 32 years.

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Hyden Henry and John Tedeschi Honored as B.C. “Co-Educators of the Year”

Nine-year faculty member Hyden Henry and six-year member John Tedeschi were rewarded for their outstanding body of work when they were announced as Bergen Catholic High School’s “2009-10 Co-Educators of the Year” during a year-ending ceremony at the school.

Hyden Henry arrived at Bergen Catholic in the fall of 2001 after teaching for seven years at Paterson Catholic High School. He has been a member of the Science Department at B.C. for his entire tenure at the school, teaching courses such as Anatomy, Chemistry, and Physiology.

“Mr. Henry is a skilled instructor. He expects much of his students and, as a result, shapes his lessons to be demanding, hard-driving but also enjoyable,” commented Tim McElhinney, B.C.’s Principal. “Mr. Henry works diligently at his craft so that he is always prepared to challenge the boys to improve both as students and as young men. He is a very fine teacher and role model for the young men of Bergen Catholic High School.”

A native of Trinidad, Mr. Henry earned a B.S. in Biology at Fairleigh Dickinson University. He accepted his first teaching position at Paterson Catholic, where he taught Math and Science, and was a National Honor Society advisor and a member of the Middle States Committee.

John Tedeschi completed his sixth year of service to Bergen Catholic, and third year as the Dean of Upperclassmen. In addition to his extensive administrative duties, he also taught US History and AP European History.

“As a teacher of social studies, Mr. Tedeschi challenges his students to learn subject matter in a manner in which they are able to make connections to topics in other subject areas, as well as to popular culture or current national and world issues. He possesses high expectations for his students and, as a result, works side by side with them so they may reach his lofty goals,” praised McElhinney. “As the Upperclassmen Dean, Mr. Tedeschi cares deeply for the boys in his charge. He promotes and models fine character traits in the hope that the students will understand the value of being fine community members.”

Mr. Tedeschi, who holds a B.A. degree from Rutgers University and an M.A. from Seton Hall University, has also taught Computer and Study Skills and Latin during his tenure at B.C., and has served as moderator of the Fencing Club and the Student Government Association.

Joe Charles ’02 Honored as B.C. “Technologist of the Year”

Joseph Charles ’02 was named as the school’s third-ever “Technologist of the Year” during a year-ending ceremony at the school.

Mr. Charles joined the school’s faculty in the fall of 2006 after graduating from Iona College. He has taught Computer Science since his return to B.C., and last year instructed courses in Multimedia and Media Internship (whose students create and execute various multimedia projects for several departments within the school).

“Mr. Charles has made a significant contribution to our technological program this year. He became our liaison with Madison Square Garden Varsity Network, leading our Advanced Media Interns class in the production of a number of digital assets for airing,” praises Joe Haemmerle ’86, B.C.’s Assistant Principal of Student Affairs and Technology. “He has helped to secure grants and scholarships through MSG Varsity as well, and plays a significant role on our Technology Committee.”

Mr. Charles played football and ran for the track team during his scholastic days at Bergen Catholic. He was a member of the First-Team All-County 4X400 Relay Team and also earned Second-Team honors as a hurdler.
Four new faculty members have been added to the staff at Bergen Catholic High School for the 2010-11 school year. Joining the B.C. staff are Nunzio Campanile, Zhen Li, Matthew O’Connor, and Jorge Perez.

Mr. Campanile was hired as the new B.C. varsity football coach in February after spending 10 seasons as an integral part of Don Bosco Prep’s football and wrestling programs. Also the former Athletic Director at Don Bosco, the Montclair State University alumnus will teach Business Law and Physical Education in addition to his coaching duties.

Mr. Li joins the Bergen Catholic staff as a member of the Chinese Guest Teacher Program. A teacher with nine years of experience, he was a resident of Yantai City of the Shandong Province, and is a graduate of Yantai Teachers’ College. Li will introduce a program that teaches the Mandarin language, a course that is a new addition to B.C.’s Foreign World Languages Department.

Mr. O’Connor joins the B.C. faculty as a Latin instructor. The Vernon resident is a graduate of Montclair State University, where he majored in Classics and Latin.

Mr. Perez arrives at B.C. after spending three years instructing at Christ the King Prep in Newark and one year at Saddle River Day School. He taught Algebra and Geometry and was the Moderator of the Catholic Math League club at Christ the King. The graduate of Seton Hall Prep (where he was the valedictorian) and Princeton University will teach Algebra, Trigonometry, and Statistics at Bergen Catholic.

B.C. Adds Mandarin Language Course To Curriculum

Bergen Catholic High School is proud to announce that it has expanded its choices in its Foreign World Languages Department with the creation of a program that teaches the Mandarin language.

“Mandarin is the most spoken language in the world today,” notes Bergen Catholic Principal Tim McElhinney. “As educators, we at Bergen Catholic feel it is appropriate to make available the study of this prominent language for our students.”

The Chinese Guest Teacher Program also provides an experienced language teacher from China for the host school for a period of one to three years. Since the program was launched in 2006, over 450 guest teachers have been placed in grammar school and high school classrooms across 38 states. This year, Bergen Catholic is the only New Jersey school (out of more than 100 institutions) to participate in the program.

The Chinese Guest Teacher Program is made possible through the partnership of The College Board and the Hanban/Confucius Institute headquarters in China, and was created to help U.S. schools develop Chinese language and culture study programs and to promote international exchange between the United States and China.

Joining the Bergen Catholic staff to implement the program is Mr. Zhen Li. “Mr. Li comes to Bergen Catholic with fine teaching credentials,” adds McElhinney. “In his short time in the United States, he has already demonstrated a great deal of enthusiasm for our school, the local community, and most importantly, in his desire to work with Bergen Catholic students.”
Technological Upgrades Improve Life At Bergen Catholic

Student life has become more efficient at Bergen Catholic High School as the school continues to invest in its infrastructure and to incorporate significant technological upgrades.

In addition to the multiple physical improvements that took place on campus this summer (including the installation of ceiling-mounted projectors, hi-definition flat screen televisions, state-of-the-art sound systems, and air conditioning in every classroom), the school also invested in technology that makes life more efficient for its students, teachers, and administrators.

The administration at Bergen Catholic decided to invest in a cafeteria point of sales system that allows students to purchase food without using cash, and also installed a new student identification system that tracks attendance.

“The implementation of the cafeteria point of sales system and attendance system at B.C. are steps toward a greener, healthier community,” notes Joseph Haemmerle ’86, the Assistant Principal of Technology and Student Affairs at the school.

Student attendance and lateness can be tracked easily, and admittance passes printed instantaneously, by the newly-installed system, which is also capable of scanning and printing visitor’s passes and keeping track of a visitor’s time spent on campus, thereby also raising the level of security within the school.

“We are eliminating considerable paper waste through the PlascoTrac Attendance System, which records data instantly, syncs with school databases, and prints quickly and efficiently receipts that serve as passes to class,” reports Haemmerle.

Major changes have also taken place in the school cafeteria, where students can purchase food without the use of cash. The new program created an individual account for each student, which can be replenished at any time with cash deposits or credit card purchases. In addition to speeding up the lines at the cash register, the systems allows a parent or guardian to track a student’s eating habits, right down to the type of food purchased.

“In the cafeteria, by reducing the need for transfer of cash from students to food professionals, the school is taking a responsible step toward a healthier community,” adds Haemmerle. “When you consider time saved by eliminating multiple steps in those primitive ways of accomplishing those tasks, the real magic of these technologies appears.”

Summing up the additions of these systems to Bergen Catholic’s environment, Haemmerle concludes, “Rather than investing time in paperwork, we invest time in building relationships with our students and helping them to become outstanding young men.”

MANY FAMILIAR NAMES IN THE CLASS OF 2014!

Continuing a recent trend, this year’s freshman class once again is blessed with the sons of Bergen Catholic alumni. A total of 16 sons of B.C. alumni have enrolled, lifting the total in that category across all four classes to a stunning total of 58 students (including a minimum of 12 in each class)! In addition, Jake Campbell ’14 is the grandson of former Crusader Patrick Sabino ’60.

Here’s a list of those freshman students, with their fathers’ names and graduation years in parentheses:

- Stephen Amoratis (John ’77)
- Jordan Attilio (Kevin ’91)
- Nicholas Barile (Gaetano ’83)
- Owen Devine (John ’79)
- Aidan Finnegan (Thomas ’74)
- Kurt Holuba (Robert ’67)
- Liam Kelly (Kevin ’83)
- Gregory King (Joseph ’76)
- Daniel Kloeblen (Christopher ’79)
- Colin McGovern (Jack ’76)
- Peter McPartland (Brendan ’78)
- Matthew Miller (David ’80)
- Gerard Quinn (Gerard ’76)
- Henry Rice (Michael ’75)
- Craig Scheuring (Michael ’82)
- Austin Yelland (James ’97)
Baseball Trip (Florida)

The B.C. baseball team once again donated its free time to a home for underprivileged children during its annual Florida trip.

Cardboard City

Last spring, approximately 20 Bergen Catholic students braved the elements to participate in the school’s second “Cardboard City” Night. The experience showed the B.C. students the dire situations faced daily by the area’s homeless citizens.

Midnight Run

The Bergen Catholic chapter of “Midnight Run” once again came for the homeless citizens of New York City during the 2009-10 school. The group made five trips into NYC to deliver much-needed food, clothing, blankets and personal care items to the homeless.
Bergen Catholic’s “Souper Bowl”

The Bergen Catholic High School community, in conjunction with the B.C. Alumni Association and Center for Food Action, hosted a “Souper Bowl” Food Drive and “Soup-Off” on Saturday, October 30, before and during B.C.’s 55-3 varsity football win over Hackensack High School.

In addition to the food drive that benefited the Center for Food Action in Hackensack (with assistance provided by about 20 B.C. students), three area restaurants competed against each other in a “Soup-Off” contest that included the distribution of complimentary delicious soup to the game’s spectators.

Competing in the “Soup-Off” event were the Bacari Grill of Washington Township (owned by John Amoratis ’77), the Glen Rock Inn of Glen Rock (owned by Victor Quinn ’73), and Felice Restaurant of Oradell.

“What better way to reinforce the Bergen Catholic mission of serving others than by hosting an event that raises awareness of the need for basic necessities,” said Br. Brian M. Walsh, C.F.C., President of Bergen Catholic High School.

“We’re especially excited to be partnering with two restaurants that are owned by alumni of Bergen Catholic. We’ve had many successful soup collections, but when we can add another element with a Soup-Off that engages our fans and the community to make a positive difference in our community, I think we’ve already scored a touchdown before the game begins.”

Right: ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PARTICIPANTS (L to R): William Leonard ’78, B.C. Campus Minister Josh Powers, Ted Noble ’61, John Corcoran ’75, and Mike Haviland ’78.

Some of the B.C. student volunteers who participated in the food drive included (L to R) Connor O’Neill ’12, Joe Esposito ’13, Michael Taus ’12, Chris Boemo ’13, Kevin McAndrew ’11, Eli Mallouhi ’12, Charles Chen ’11, Andrew Ngugi ’12, Donald Maita ’12, Matthew Coyne ’12, Amechi Iloabanafor ’13, Hunter Mullis ’14, and B.C. Campus Minister Josh Powers.
39th Annual Br. Martin P. Burns Memorial Golf Classic
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Brian ‘93

Above and left: Honoree
Gerard Quinn ‘76 and family

Right and below: Honorees
Gayle and John Scirocco
and family

Golfers (L to R): Phil Reicherz
‘91, John Daniello ‘91, Ryan
Fitzpatrick ‘91, and Tom
Segedin ‘64.
For the entirety of his career as a sports writer, Charles William Madden ’64 has observed baseball history. This past summer, he became part of it. As the recipient of the J.G. Taylor Spink Award, Madden joined a long list of great baseball writers whose names are forever enshrined in the hallowed halls of Cooperstown.

Best known of his writings are those as a sportscolumnist for the Daily News, as well as his various books written about the Yankees. His most recent book “Steinbrenner: The Last Lion of Baseball” is a New York Times best seller, reaching as high as the seventh best-selling book among non-fiction in its publication run.

Madden is best known for an incredible work ethic and an uncanny ability to break stories first. Never late with an article and always one to speak his mind, Bill Madden exemplifies what a great sports writer should be. That he was honored with a spot in the Baseball Hall of Fame should come as no surprise; it was really only a matter of time.

However, before he was a prolific and respected writer, Bill Madden was a student at Bergen Catholic High School. At B.C., Madden was a state champion sprinter. He was a First-Team All-County sprinter during his senior year (1963-64) and was the State Champion in both the 100-yard dash and 220-yard dash. He is a member of the B.C. Hall of Fame, inducted as part of the first “class” of inductees in 1990.

Madden’s skills as a runner earned him a scholarship to South Carolina, where he would major in journalism. However, Bill’s finest trait as a student at B.C. was as a great friend. When speaking in interviews, Madden often speaks of his friends from his home town of Oradell, who he still stays in close contact with.

If there were ever a man who represents the spirit of Bergen Catholic, it is Bill Madden. Intellectual, devoted, and gifted, Bill serves as a great role model for any aspiring writer, sports or otherwise. The Bergen Catholic community joins Mr. Madden’s many fans in extending their congratulations on his most recent accomplishment.

Bill Madden ’64 makes his acceptance speech in Cooperstown (top) after being greeted by renowned baseball announcer Jon Miller (bottom, right).
ew coaches, if any, have exemplified Bergen Catholic’s standard of excellence as admirably as Al Barton, who was the head coach of B.C.’s baseball team from 1981 to 1994. For 14 years, Coach Barton led the Crusaders through a period of great success in the school’s baseball history. He compiled an outstanding record of 240-123-4, making his total of 240 wins the most ever by a B.C. baseball coach.

Coach Barton, however, would modestly explain to you that the students were the ones responsible for their own success, stating that students in the 1980s “were a great class of people, willing to make commitment, very dedicated and hard working.” Nevertheless, it takes a great coach to lead a team of great students, which is what makes Coach Barton so exceptional.

When Coach Barton arrived at Bergen Catholic in 1977, after graduating straight out of Montclair State, he began his long and celebrated career at B.C. by teaching American History. It was in 1980 that he also began coaching the J.V. baseball team, working alongside B.C. Hall-of-Famer Gerry Goldee ’64, who was the varsity baseball coach at that time. A year later, Coach Barton became the varsity baseball coach, and the period of B.C. baseball greatness thus began.

“We hadn’t done well in a while,” Coach Barton explained, referring to the B.C. baseball team prior to 1980. “We hadn’t won a league championship since 1968, and were kind of just scuffling around.”

What made the biggest difference when Mr. Barton first began coaching, he said, was the fact that he was “in-the-building coaching”—that is, he was not a coach from outside of Bergen Catholic, but instead was a full-time teacher who interacted with the students all day. This allowed him to keep track of his players in the classroom, as well as on the baseball diamond, putting him at a great advantage to shape his players into exceptional student-athletes.


The first time that B.C. made the county tournament in 1982 under him is a particular favorite moment of Coach Barton, because the team hadn’t made it into the tournament in a long time. Winning the Section Championship against St. Joseph Regional is another, he explained, because the 1985 team was B.C.’s first outstanding team—they won a total of 23 games (at the time a school record). The 1991 team also stands out as special because it won what was, at that time, the most games in the State of New Jersey.

What was truly special about the school for Coach Barton, however, was summed up by him in one simple, yet effective word: camaraderie. “There’s a real sense of family and togetherness,” he explained. “I’ve been at Fair Lawn High School since I left B.C. and I love it there, but [working at] Bergen was a very special time for me. It has a closeness that goes well beyond the school.” This is proven by the fact that Coach Barton is still in contact with many of his students and ex-players, many of whom are nearing fifty years of age, continued on page 40

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

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“Brotherhood transcends all barriers” — this was the simple belief at the core of the recent Argentina trip. It wasn’t a simple foreign exchange program; it was a display of the power of human connection over the barriers of language, culture, and geographical distance.

When six students of Bergen Catholic High School found out that they had been selected to live in Argentina for about two weeks, they weren’t really sure what to think. While they may have briefly covered the country in their Spanish courses, they really didn’t have a true sense of what they were getting into. The resultant apprehension was more than understandable — what, exactly, awaited them over in a place like Argentina? Over that ten-day period from June 18 to July 3, they experienced culture shock in its purest and most enthralling form.

When six students of Colegio Cardenal Newman, a K-12 Christian Brothers school in Buologne Sur Mer, Argentina, found out that they would be hosting six students of Bergen Catholic for about 10 days, they were also a little nervous. Over that ten-day period, their perception of American people would change profoundly.

As they departed from the airport by bus, the B.C. students noticed what one could call the landscape of “soccer and broken dreams.” Indeed, the decrepit shanty towns were a truly depressing sight — but these gave way to the suburb of Buologne Sur Mer, located outside of Buenos Aires. One student described Buenos Aires as “a first-world city in a third-world country.”

The disparity between the rich and the poor was remarkable; one would surely think a quality education to be a big part of the difference between them. Upon arrival at the school, the students were then split up into their host families and thrust headfirst into the unfamiliarity of Argentinean life.

The travelers from B.C. included seniors Jordan Patton, David Bowers, David DeLeon, Michael Miqueli, Andrew Villanueva and sophomore Nicholas Giordano, who were accompanied by President Brother Brian M. Walsh, C.F.C., and the Chair of the World Languages Department, Mrs. Lily DiMaggio.

Cardenal Newman School was uncannily similar to Bergen, yet totally different. Classes are held in either English or Spanish. In English classes, B.C. students enjoyed a unique view of their own native tongue from a non-native speaker’s view. They also helped students fine tune their mastery of the language, even going so far as to teach them some “slang.”

One especially interesting class was
one in which students examined the American legal system from the Argentine perspective. In the Spanish-speaking classes, the experience in their world language classes at Bergen became real and decidedly difficult as the B.C. students were forced to work almost completely in Spanish. One aspect of Cardenal Newman academic life that B.C. students were unfamiliar with is concept of “break time.” Every hour-and-a-half, the students are given free time; most spend it in the courtyard relaxing or getting snacks from the friendly concession stand lady.

Sports are huge at Cardenal Newman; rugby is the sport of choice among students. Gym periods are basically used as rugby practice time for many—kids would drill and run laps in the sweltering Argentinean heat, not too dissimilar from what our football players do to prep for the season in the summer. Attempts by the B.C. kids to convert them to American football were largely unsuccessful.

Fortunately for the B.C. students, they witnessed the frenzy of Argentinean World Cup fútbol season. As a nationwide cultural practice, all school-aged kids are dismissed early to watch the games on TV. The entire population goes crazy, filled with pride and spirit for the national team. Dozens of people will crowd around lone television sets. Fans get loud (think “Crusader Crazies” loud) and animated during the game. Luckily, the B.C. group left right before the Argentinean team lost to Germany in the Cup quarterfinals.

Of course, a trip to Argentina would not be complete without exploration of all of the different cultural and historical attractions. A normal daytrip into the city for B.C. students consisted of cathedral hopping and sightseeing. One highlight was a trip to a farm on the outskirts of the city. It was an antiquated colonial Spanish villa, replete with horses and a vista-like setting. The natural beauty of the land stood in stark contrast to the poverty of the slums and the modern cityscape of Buenos Aires proper, according to the students.

One of the most memorable aspects of the trip was the cultural experience. Some quick impressions of Argentina were that Argentineans do not say “God Bless You,” that they use the “arm-wrestling” configuration to shake hands, and that they speak a fluid form of Spanish not present in American classroom. They love American goods (Coke, McDonalds, etc.) and they drink tea, not coffee. Many families have housekeepers, gardeners, and other staff who are considered part of the family. They drive in streets where the rules of the road are rarely enforced. All of these seemingly strange things weren’t detriments—simply differences.

The students reflected that experiencing the new and fascinating culture was probably the biggest thing they took away from the whole experience. They also appreciated the freedom they had to explore this new culture, under the guidance of their host families. In many cases, the B.C. student and his Cardenal Newman counterpart were almost inseparable throughout the entirety of the trip. The friendships cultivated during the trip are still maintained via Facebook.

“The most down-to-earth people I have ever met,” is how Jordan Patton would describe them. David DeLeon would recount to me how he believed that the B.C. group dispelled the negative stereotypes about Americans. In a relatively short amount of time, these completely disparate individuals were able to form a real intimate bond; in this case, brotherhood defied boundaries. In fact, brotherhood was not hindered by cultural, language or geographical distance, but strengthened by it.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Carl Romanos ’11 is the Editor-in-Chief of The Herald, and is also the captain of the Mock Trial Team. He has recently been named as a National Merit Commended Student, and has been inducted into the National Honor Society, the National Mathematics Honor Society, and the French Honor Society.
The Bergen Catholic Crusaders were well-represented when The Record published its various “Teams of the Decade” in June. Jim Jacobsen ’66 (golf), Joe Haemmerle ’86 (lacrosse), and Dan May (hockey) were each selected as the “Coach of the Decade” in their respective sports.

In addition, four former Crusaders’ players were each chosen as the “Player of the Decade” in their respective sports: Brian Cushing ’05 (“Defensive Player of the Decade”) - football, Gary Grant ’03 (swimming), Jason May ’03 (hockey), and Ken Sinkovitz ’03 (indoor track).

Three Bergen Catholic teams were honored with “Program of the Decade” designations: bowling, golf, and wrestling.

Finally, four B.C. teams were involved in the “Moment of the Decade” in their respective sports. The basketball team was recognized for its spectacular, come-from-behind 60-50 win over Paterson Catholic in the Parochial “A” North championship game in 2002. The hockey team’s 8-1 win over Clifton in front of 8,000 fans in the Tournament of Champions final at the Continental Airlines Arena in 2001 was picked as the top moment in that sport. The golf team shared the spotlight in the “Moment of the Decade” with #1 Ramsey, as the Bergen County teams finished as the top two squads in the 2001 Tournament of Champions. The lacrosse team’s thrilling 7-6 win over Ridgewood in the 2009 Bergen County Tournament championship game (on a tie-breaking goal by John Walker ’09 with just five seconds were left on the clock) was chosen as the top moment in that sport.

**“ALL-DECADE HONOREES”**

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Joe Haemmerle ’86

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Jim Jacobsen ’66
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which according to Coach Barton is “amazing—the first class I taught was 33 years ago, and I’m still in touch with them.” The bonds formed within the Bergen Catholic community not only last through the changes during one’s life, but also withstand the test of time.

After working for 17 years at Bergen Catholic (14 of them as the head coach of varsity baseball), Coach Barton left to teach at Fair Lawn High School, where he continues to teach American History. “In fact, this year, my seventeenth year at Fair Lawn, equals the number of years I’ve had at Bergen. It’s almost inconceivable,” said Coach Barton. “Time has flown by.”

Coach Barton says that he sincerely enjoyed his time at Bergen Catholic, and that nothing after he left was as close-knit as the Bergen Catholic community had been. “I’ve never looked back,” he stated soundly. “I have nothing but great memories of the time I had coaching for 20 years, specifically my 14 very exciting years at Bergen.”

Bergen Catholic may have given Coach Barton fond memories, but few things can compare to the fine legacy that he has given to Bergen Catholic. B.C.’s 14 years with Coach Barton as the head baseball coach are truly a testament to the school’s pursuit of excellence, and what a team can accomplish when it has such a great coach.

Carmen and Joseph Unanue have been generous members of the Bergen Catholic family for almost 40 years. The Unanes are the proud parents of six children (two B.C. graduates: Joseph [RIP] ’75 and Andrew ’85) and sixteen grandchildren.

Faithful, lifelong service to her family, her church and her community are hallmarks of the life of Carmen Ana Casal de Unanue. Over the years, she has touched the lives and spirit of many organizations in several meaningful ways.

She frequently travels to Honduras to work with underprivileged residents in remote village and has been instrumental in the building of schools in villages where there is a need.

In 2005, Mrs. Unanue was honored by the American Bible Society for her contribution and leadership to the Hispanic community. At the request of Pope John Paul II, she served on a ten-woman steering committee that was responsible for organizing the first Catholic Pro Familia in Puerto Rico in 1993. Mrs. Unanue was also honored by President Ronald Reagan for her community service.

Joseph Unanue is the former Chairman and CEO of Goya Foods, Inc., which is the largest Hispanic-owned food company in the country. Goya Foods, Inc. manufactures, markets, and distributes approximately 1,000 different food products. Under his leadership, Goya Foods grew from a small regional food company with approximately $8 million in total sales to a global brand with over $800 million in sales and 15 locations worldwide.
The Bergen Catholic Crusaders’ spring and fall sports teams certainly enjoyed their share of success and exciting moments during their respective seasons.

**SPRING, 2010**

The varsity baseball team paid for a slow start by missing out on a Bergen County Tournament berth, but did finish strong (winning seven-of-eight games at one point) to finish with a 16-11 mark. Injuries to three key pitchers (including two main starters) were a big factor in the 5-6 start. Determined to make the B.C.T., the Crusaders went on a 7-1 run, scored at eight runs in six different contests, and outscored their opponents by an 89-33 spread, but an excruciating, extra-inning loss at Fair Lawn denied the Crusaders a Tournament berth.

The Crusaders boasted an explosive attack, led by four hitters who batted at least .400 for the season: OF Charles Chen ’11 (.493 batting average, .642 on-base percentage), OF Eric Flanagan ’11 (.427 average), DH Sean McPartland ’10 (.408 average), and 1B-P Toby Schwartz ’11 (.407 average and team-leading totals of 14 extra-base hits and 34 RBI) reached the noteworthy milestone, while OF John Maughan ’10 fell just short of that mark (.388), but cracked a team-high three HRs and drove in 31 runs. RHP Dylan Reid ’11 led the pitching staff with four wins and a fine 2.38 Earned Run Average, while workhorse Robert Grippo ’10 added three wins and compiled a 3.17 E.R.A.

The B.C. golf team enjoyed a spectacular season, one in which it compiled a staggering 27-1 record (with the only loss coming on a match of cards). The team tied for the Non-Public “A” North Championship (losing the outright title on a tie-breaker), the North Jersey Tri-County Conference team title, the Odell Nassar County Group 3/4 crown, the Arcola Invitational, the Garden State Cup, and the Blue Devil Invitational. The Crusaders were named “Team of the Year” by The Record and the Bergen County Coaches Association, and were ranked fourth in the State by the Star-Ledger.

Four Crusaders were named to the All-County Team, led by First-Team selections Drew Doidge ’10 and Harrison Shih ’12, Second-Teamer David Kim ’10, and Third-Team choice Sacheev Mandleh ’10. Shih was also named First-Team All-State by the New Jersey Professionals Golfers’ Association and Second-Team All-State by the Star-Ledger, while Doidge was a Star-Ledger Third-Team pick.

The B.C. lacrosse squad posted a deceiving 8-10 record after playing one of its most competitive schedules ever. The Crusaders reached the championship match of the Bergen County Tournament for the second straight season after defeating Indian Hills (7-5), Northern Highlands (10-7), and Ramapo (13-9), before falling to then-undefeated and top-seed Mahwah (10-6) in the finals. B.C. also posted an impressive 14-6 State Tournament win on the road over Red Bank Catholic.

The explosive Crusaders’ offense boasted a trio of 30-goal scorers, led by Keith Switzer ’10 and Jamie Ward ’11 (34 each) and three-year starter Sean McGuire ’10 (31). McGuire added a team-high 37 assists to finish with a team-leading 68 points, boosting his school-record career totals in those departments to 89 and 187, respectively.

The tennis team bounced back from a rare losing season in 2009 to post an impressive 13-8 mark. The Crusaders jumped out to a sensational 7-0 start (winning five matches by 5-0 scores) before suffering a 2-6 slide, but then bounced back to win four of their next five matches behind the efforts of Second-Team All-League Brian Balico ’13 (First Singles) and Honorable Mention nominees Peter Angelica ’10 and Brian Ventura ’10.

The outdoor track team enjoyed another strong campaign as it pieced together a fine 7-2 mark (posting each of its wins by margins of 20-or-more points). Speedster Ernest Wingate ’10 led the way by earning Second-Team All-County honors in the 110-meter High Hurdles and by helping the 4 X 400 Relay team (along with Bill Leonard ’10, Tarique Gray ’11, and Mario Kranjac ’11) earn Third-Team honors.

In only its third season of existence, the B.C. volleyball squad posted another winning record (12-10) and eliminated Don Bosco Prep in the State Tournament for the second straight year. The Crusaders overcame a 3-5 start with bursts of 5-1 and 4-1 to earn a spot in the State Tournament behind the work of First-Team All-League Matt Parowski ’10 and Brendan McCullagh ’12. Second-Team choices Tony Flaim ’10 and Kirk Nouhan ’13, and Honorable Mention pick Gary Guaraccia ’10.

**FALL, 2010**

The Crusaders’ cross country team posted a 2-4 record in its first season in the strong Big North Conference.

The 9-1 B.C. football team, ranked second in New Jersey as this magazine goes to press, has enjoyed an outstanding season under the direction of first-year head coach Nunzio Campanile. Right from the start, it was apparent that B.C. was headed for a special year when it knocked off the top-ranked team in Pennsylvania (LaSalle College H.S., 22-21) in the season opener. The Crusaders have averaged almost 42 points-per-game behind the highlight-film performances of QB Tanner McEvoy ’11 (more than 1,800 passing yards and 26 TD passes, plus almost 900 rushing yards and another 11 scores), “do-everything” Spencer Kulcsar ’11 (14 TDs), and ace wide receiver Cameron Dickerson ’11 (seven TDs). McEvoy fired a school-record seven TD passes and accounted for almost 500 total yards of offense, and Dickerson and Kulcsar each scored twice to lead B.C. to an opening-round 65-34 State Playoff win over Red Bank Catholic.

Despite heavy graduation losses, the 2010 Crusaders’ soccer team responded with a fine 11-7-2 season under first-year head coach Rui Dos Santos. B.C. roared out to an impressive 9-2-2 start (including a scoreless tie against Don Bosco Prep) before suffering a four-game losing streak. In the Bergen County Tournament, B.C. overcame a 2-0 deficit to defeat Westwood in double overtime (3-2) before suffering a 2-1 double-overtime loss to third-seeded Northern Highlands in the Quarter-Final round. In State Tournament action, B.C. tipped Union Catholic by a 5-1 score before dropping an overtime heart-breaker at Delbarton (3-2).
The Bergen Catholic High School community is saddened by the recent passing of Mr. Robert Hoehl. Mr. Hoehl was a member of Bergen Catholic’s first graduating class in 1959. He was co-captain and high scorer of B.C.’s first varsity basketball team, averaging 20.6 points-per-game during his senior season and becoming the first Crusaders’ player to be named to the All-County basketball team. He went on to Saint Michael’s College in Vermont on a four-year basketball scholarship.

In 1969, he founded IDX Systems Corp., a healthcare information technology company that went public in 1995. Mr. Hoehl formerly served as Chairman of the Board of IDX, in addition to serving on the Boards of Saint Michael’s College, The Preservation Trust of Vermont, Symquest, Marathon Health, and The United Way.

Humble almost to a fault, the generosity of Mr. Hoehl (and his lovely wife, Cynthia) knew no bounds. Both of his “alma maters” have benefitted significantly from his generous gifts of thanks. The largest philanthropists in B.C. history, the Hoehls were responsible for the “lead gift” to the Campaign for the Second Half-Century—an investment of $1 million and the largest gift in school history! Present-day students and members of the B.C. community see the “Hoehl” name on a daily basis as the modern cafeteria (Hoehl Hall) and gymnasium (Hoehl Gymnasium, named in memory of Bob’s parents) bear the family name. In addition, the Robert H. ’59 and Cynthia K. Hoehl Financial Aid Fund has assisted many needy students over the years.

Saint Michael’s College (and its Hoehl Welcome Center) has benefitted from Bob and Cynthia’s generosity, as have organizations such as The Vermont Campaign to End Childhood Hunger, The United Way, The Christian Children’s Fund, the Community Health Center of Burlington, the Lake Champlain Basin Science Center, the Stern Center for Language and Learning, and the University of Vermont, to name but a few.

A member of the Bergen Catholic (inducted in 2000) and Saint Michael’s College (2009) Halls of Fame, Bob was the recipient (along with Cynthia) of the B.C. Founder’s Medal, the school’s highest honor, in 2007.
In Memoriam

Josephine Abbiati
Grandmother of Robert ’92
Elizabeth Acinapura
Mother of Paul ’64
Charles R. Alliotts, Jr.’76
Brother of John ’78 (RIP) and Christopher ’82
George R. Alvarez
Grandfather of Patrick ’00, Brendan ’02, and Kieran ’05 Bland
Anthony V. Amoruso
Father of Anthony ’65 and Paul ’70
Robert W. Anastasio
Uncle of John ’13
Michael Antos ’64
Vincent Armenio
Father of Peter ’72
Bernice Armitstead
Grandmother of Matthew ’98
Carole V. Ballerine
Mother of Stephen ’67 and Chris ’77
Judith C. Ballerine
Sister of Stephen ’67 and Chris ’77
Vincent P. Barry
Father of James ’80
John Carter Beese, Sr.
Father of J. Carter ’74 (RIP) and father-in-law of Fred Fischer ’69
Joseph J. Bendana
Father of Joseph ’07 and brother of Fred ’69 (RIP)
Giovanni Bianchi
Father of Joseph ’78
Matthew T. Blaszko, Jr.
Father of Matthew ’02
Rose Bowman
Grandmother of Nicholas ’09
Maureen A. Brannigan
Fiance of Bob Corley, B.C. Board Member
Terrence P. Brennan
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Helen F. Broderick
Mother of David ’76
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Father of Francis ’80 and Paul ’81
Pauline Caetta
Mother of Andrew ’75
Anne J. Calvi
Grandmother of Matthew ’91
Laurence Carpenter
Father of Patrick ’80 and William ’82
Gus Caserta
Father of Michael ’72
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Father of Joseph ’76
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Arthur W. Colwell
Father of Thomas ’85
Angelina Comparetto
Grandmother of Joseph ’04
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Grandfather of Michael ’03
Regina Corcoran
Mother of Daniel ’75 and Robert ’79
Robert E. Cunningham
Father of Thomas ’88
Aileen C. Cusick-Hesse
Mother of Gerald ’69
Ted D’Amico
Uncle of John ’69, Ted ’72, and Chuck ’74, and great uncle of Ted ’13
Frances Darienzo
Mother of Guy ’81 and Gregory ’88
Marie Della Rocca
Mother of Vincent ’88
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Earl Doyne
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Helmut Dzuggy
Father of Kurt ’90
Richard J. Egan ’66
Brother of Robert ’71
Thomas Elefante
Brother of Gerald ’67
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John R. Foster
Father of Anthony ’79 and John ’82
Teresa Gencarelli
Grandmother of Philip ’11
Daniel M. Giletta ’07
Step-brother of Bernard ’92 and Paul ’97
Theresa Golden
Mother of Robert ’70, William ’71, Thomas ’74, and Edward ’83
Barbara Goodwin
Mother of Michael ’97
Ruth Gorey
Mother of Rian ’78
Peter J. Harkin
Father of Peter ’94
Walter E. Hart
Father of Christopher ’94
Robert H. Hoehl ’59
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Augusta Imperato
Mother of Thomas ’70
Christina E. Kulesza-Goldfarb
Sister of Edward ’99
Helen Laino
Mother of Anthony ’60, Michael ’62, and Paul ’68, and grandmother of Paul ’94 and Jeffrey ’99
Michael J. LaMurgaglia
Son of Matt ’70, and nephew of Thomas LaMurgaglia ’73, Robert Lally ’70, Thomas Lally ’73, and Joseph Lally ’75
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John A. Lederer
Father of Kevin ’75, Matthew ’78, and Jonathan ’81
Michael R. Luckow ’83
Seymour Lyew
Grandfather of StaiSean ’05
Joseph F. Lynch
Father of Kevin ’72 and Edward ’80
Robert P. Machorek ’61
Father of Michael ’95
John P. McBride
Father of Michael ’68, Sean ’75, Kevin ’78, and Matthew ’85, and grandfather of Christopher ’13
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Edna L. McGuirl-Stomber
Grandmother of Brian McGuirl ’02
Rosemary McKay
Mother of Bruce ’61
Ann E. McPartland
Aunt of Sean ’10
Paul H. Meierdiers
Father of Kurt ’94
Irene Mele
Mother of Joseph ’61, and grandfather of John ’02, Michael ’05, and David ’07
R暴雨 Rie Mele
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Loretta M. Mollema
Mother of Kevin ’06
Agnes Montemurro
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Father of Fidel ’90
George J. Nostas
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Mother of Francis ’69
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Father of Christopher ’97 and uncle of Robert Baksa ’84
Richard F. Polhemus ’61
Concetta Polisse
Mother of Peter ’59 and former B.C. librarian
Glenn R. Puzzo ’65
Brother of Michael ’70
Eileen Reid
Mother of John ’71
Marie Ryff
Mother of Charles ’71
Richard Scales
Father of Richard ’93
Doris K. Schmitt
Mother of Peter ’75
Joseph Schrampel
Grandfather of Matthew Pedrick ’14
Margaretta Sciorisci-Wippich
Mother of Roger ’84
Diane Sheridan
Wife of Tom ’61
Ronald J. Moran Shirak
Brother of Sam ’10 and Robert ’13
Rev. Vaigh Shirinian
Grandfather of Matthew ’08
Sukla Sikden
Mother of Suraj ’91
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Michelle Stephan
Wife of Robert ’70
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Father of William ’79
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Michael C. Troop ’72
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Albert M. Vadon
Father of Mark ’88 and uncle of Philip ’83 and David ’84
Michael J. Werner ’65
George A. Williams II
Father of George ’63 and David ’66
Tracey Woznicki
Sister-in-law of John ’85
THE BERGEN CATHOLIC “REVOLUTION” ANNOUNCES ITS NEW WEBSITE!

Our new website is “branded” with the BC look and feel. It combines the prior ‘school’ site and the prior ‘alumni’ site into one NEW site—still conveniently located at: http://www.bergencatholic.org. The site will be the springboard for new and exciting functionality in the months and years that lie ahead. So visit and “bookmark” the site and return often to stay connected with your school, your faculty, your friends, your teams—your BC Family! And, look for future functionality rollouts—including online class notes, polls, surveys, etc.

Everyone can click on our NEW ‘eStore’ icon and check out our initial line of “official” Bergen Catholic apparel! Browse the entire site to find many of our old standbys, like information about upcoming events, faculty, academics, athletics, student life, parents, alumni and donating.

Alumni can click on the NEW ‘Alumni Directory’ icon (now password-protected and available only to alumni)—find yourself, then go to the “My Profile” area to decide which information you want to update, etc.

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