

50th Anniversary Celebration for Bishop Amat High School—2008



SS.CC. community at Bishop Amat High School (1962-63 L.to R.): Bro. John Shelley, Frs. Flan Markham, Martin O'Loughlen, Luke Zimmer, Gregory Brennan, Cyril Sheehan, Joseph Murphy, Willebrord Willemen, Benedict Folger, William Lean, John Fee, Brendan Kieran.

On April 12, 2008, Bishop Amat High School in La Puente, California celebrated the 50th anniversary of its founding. Honored during the celebration were the religious communities that ministered there over the course of its history. Among those communities were our brothers and sisters. Down through the years fifty three SS.CC. brothers and five sisters taught at Bishop Amat. Representing the brothers of the Congregation at the celebration were Frs. Donal McCarthy, Provincial U.S.A. West, and Martin O'Loughlen, former provincial. Both Donal and Martin taught at Amat.



The Heart of the Matter; Mary's Mercy Center—an update!

Sometimes, we—men especially—lie to ourselves. We feel that we are fine even when we are not. Last October I was diagnosed with an irregular EKG. No



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big thing! I checked with the cardiologist in February and he sent me to the heart surgeon who operated on me on March 5th. I had a triple bypass. Two things I learned from the whole experience. One, you cannot take your health for granted. Secondly, I received many prayers, cards and letters wishing me well. This was tough because it told me unequivocally that I was loved. I didn't do anything, and I was loved.

What was a great source of comfort and blessing to me was the Brothers. Many sent cards, called up, and Fr. McCarthy came to visit often. Community defies structure and true community comes from the heart. I am very proud of my Community here in the West.

Mary's Mercy Center

Mary's Mercy Center continues its ministries. The feeding program extends to six days a week. Many young people volunteer on weekends, but we are always in need of more volunteers. Mary's Mercy Center reached a milestone on September 12, 2008 when the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Veronica's Home took place. A large crowd attended

plus the local dignitaries. The foundation was prepared in early 2008, and the whole project has a completion date of January 2009.

Devotional Booklet on Fr. Damien

The good news of impending canonization of Blessed Damien has inspired a greater interest in the saint to be. Fr. Mike Barry & Mrs. J. Slominski have put together a devotional booklet on Fr. Damien. This booklet includes a novena for Fr. Damien, Fr. Damien's spirituality, a Chaplet to Fr. Damien, a litany of Fr. Damien. These booklets are available for \$3, and the Chaplet beads for \$5. Contact Fr. Mike or Peg in Hemet.

Damien High School in its infancy: In 1959, five of our fathers answered the call by volunteering to administer and help staff the newly opened Pomona Catholic Boys' High School in La Verne, which in 1969 was renamed Damien High. Below listed members of SS.CC. (from left): Aidan Doherty, Kieran Rush, Fred Furey (principal), Jerome Lane, and Alan Nagle. Over the years 60 SS.CC. members have worked at Damien High School (from that time to the present).



Holy Name of Mary, San Dimas

Holy Name of Mary is a vibrant, dynamic and alive parish community, and it is my privilege and honor to be pastor. An extraordinary amount of work has been going on behind the scenes. It is an exciting time for all of us, and we are filled with enthusiasm as we continue to strive to "Realize Our Dream."



Tom Mullen, SS.CC.

The hours that are volunteered in our parish are just wonderful—we are who we are because of our collaborative ministry and lay leadership.