



1976

Date February 18th 1976

VISITATION REPORT OF Ofc. High School - Seattle.

Visitor --- Br P C Curran

Community.

Br K John Reilly

Superior

Br John P McGraw

Sub Superior and Principal

Br P Bartholomew Patitucci

Br Edward C Courtney

Bursar - Voc Director

Br C Sylvan McManus

Br J Calanctius Hunt

Br T Kieran Lawlor

Br P Dennis Dunne

Vocation Director.

Br J Joseph Donnelly



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O'Dea High School was opened Sept. 4th 1925. Over the past ten years it has had to struggle to continue to exist. At the moment it is the only single sex boys school in the region. If one is to judge, by the number of applications for admission, the school is well on the road to full recovery, 140 boys were admitted into the Freshmen year, 1975. The diocese has displayed its confidence in the school by donating one third the cost of the new Gym. Last year, 1974-75 the school had a staff of 11 brothers--three of whom have retired from active teaching. This year the school is down to 9 brothers six only effective in the school. Even in this group of six--there are certain known weaknesses. This school now needs, if it is to survive as a Brothers' school, two young active strong men, firmly established in their vocations. The sending of two such men would completely restore the confidence of parents and clergy. Parents here have been and are most loyal and supportive to the school. O'Dea is the type of school we Christian Brothers should strive to preserve. The boys are drawn from an extensive area and from all the strata of society. The fees are kept as low as possible and the Church does subsidise the school to the tune of about \$100 per pupil. Parents are involved in all sorts of fund raising schemes and are closely associated with the Brothers in the training of their sons.

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By: John Reilly

[REDACTED]

He is deputy coach of basket-ball and appears at the games in a pale blue suit and floral shirt. He is the second coach of football and second coach of track.

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Br John Pat McGraw Principal appointed 1974, age 35

Pat is a fine Christian Brother. He is attentive to his prayers and he is working very hard to keep O'Dea alive and to make of it a great school. I feel that he is well on the way to success. There is a very good tone in the school--the boys are responsive respectful and hard-working. Pat has secured the full support of the parents of his pupils and of the staff. All the brothers admire his work and acknowledge he is doing a fine job in the school. There is no doubt that he has a difficult task -- the Brothers assigned to him are not a strong team. Three of the community have resigned from all active work-- Kieran Lawlor an excellent religious and a lovely man to live with -- is not a disciplinarian Br Courtney was and is just now a constant source of anxiety for any Principal. Because he is school Bursar he holds a key position and his loss could be a severe blow to the Principal. At the same time Pat cannot ignore complaints coming to his office. At the moment he has <sup>to let</sup> me to let him deal with this matter until the extent of the trouble is clarified and he is in a position to report to the Provincial. I agreed to this procedure. Pat is very unpunctual at all the prayers as he is always involved in some sort of meeting. I have drawn his notice to this matter and I have asked him to improve.

Br Bartholomew Patitucci--aged 32 --Moderator and Chief coach Basket-ball.

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Br Kieran Lawlor ---age 67 yr. Teaching Latin and Religion.

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Br B.C. Courtney --aged 40--second year in community--Bursar, house and school.

Brother attends all the community exercises with great regularity. He is a prayerful man. He works hard in school and now has with his bursaring and teaching a very full schedule. He is somewhat critical of the spiritual life of the community. He thinks the Brothers need more guidance in matters of the religious life and that the leadership of the community is weak. Brother obviously has his own problems, which, just now, seem to be emerging once again. The Principal is dealing with this matter and will report to the Provincial. It seems hard to me that all the hard work of this community should be jeopardized by the conduct of this man.

Br P Dennis Dunne, age 30yr. Degree in Economics and Education.

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Br Sylvan McManus age 79.

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Br Joseph Donnelly---age 79--helps in the Book store.

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Br Calasantins Hunt. age 76 --collects school fees etc.

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Finances 1974 --75.

House account

Total Revenue for the year \$ 55,362.16

Total expenditure \$ 55,256.29

Net profit for the yr \$ 105.87

Deficit Sept. '74 \$ 105.69

Credit to next account \$ 0.18

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School accounts

Total revenue \$ 243,747.44

Total expenditure \$ 234,708.31

Net profit for the year \$ 9,039.13

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Points raised with the community at the end of Visitation

1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED]
5. I thank the Bursar for the way he has kept his books and for the figures he so readily gave me.
6. [REDACTED]
7. [REDACTED]
8. [REDACTED]
9. [REDACTED]
10. [REDACTED]
11. [REDACTED]
12. [REDACTED]

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