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Class of '66 Reunion Luncheon

By Joe Murphy

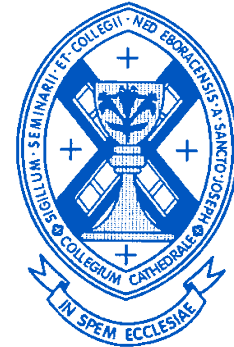
Skip Morton, John Noonan, Ron Schaeffner and Joe Murphy organized a luncheon for their classmates on October 3rd. The luncheon was on a deck overlooking the Maple Moor Golf Course in White Plains, NY. It was beautiful sun filled afternoon under bright red umbrellas.



We were pleased three of our faculty professors joined us for the lunch:

Charlie Kavanagh '56 '58, Bill Poli '54 '56 and Vince Scotti as well as alumni from other years:

Skip Morton '66 P, Joe Murphy '66 '68, Fr Bill Cosgrove '68 C, Fr. Brian McWeeney '65 '67, Dan Pacella '67, Bill Flynn '63 - '66, Tom Magee '70 P, Frank Mulhern '67 P, Frank McCorry '65 '67, Joe Renton '71 P, Dr. Charlie Weber '68 C, Bill Morris '65 '67, Fr. Jay Backes '65 '67.



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Coach Larry Byrnes dies at age 82

Lawrence T. Byrnes, Sr., of Somerset NJ, passed peacefully in the early morning hours of July 3, 2023 surrounded by his loving family.

Coach Larry was born December 9, 1940. in Cold Spring, New York and raised in Garrison, New York as the 6th of 11 children. He graduated from Manhattan College in 1962. He then began his teaching career at Cathedral Prep High School in New York City while simultaneously earning his Masters Degree from Montclair State University in 1976.



In 1976, Larry started his tenure at The Collegiate School for Boys in NYC as a teacher/coach and then as Athletic Director, retiring in 2006. During his career, "Coach" touched innumerable lives as a varsity basketball and baseball coach and teacher. As the Collegiate Varsity Basketball Coach, Larry won 461 games and lost only 148 for an amazing .757 winning percentage, earning him the honor of being a 2006 inductee into the New York State Basketball Hall of Fame.

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Faculty Photo from 1962—How many can you name?



Sitting from the left:

Fr. Hanlon, Fr. Deno, Fr. Carroll, Fr. Oscar Lynch, Fr. Browne, Mr. Cipolla, Fr. Griffin, Fr. Leandro Mayoral, Fr. Zoshak, Fr. Wilde, Fr. Moriarity, Mr. Poli, Fr. Byrne, Fr. Cohallan, Fr. Murphy, Fr. Smith, Msgr. Potter, Fr. Nebesky, Fr. Dennen

Standing from left:

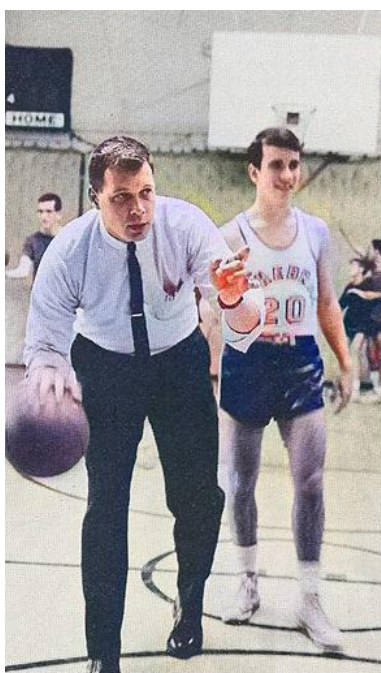
Fr. Gartland, Fr. Wilkinson, Fr. Fleming, unknown, Msgr Kovacs, Msgr Green, Fr. McMahon, Msgr. James Lynch, Fr. Niebrzydowski

Coach Larry Byrnes con't

College and Prep Directories and Class Listings

Alumni directories by class year along with contact information is available at:

<http://stlukes-parish.org/cathedral>



Coach Byrnes is well remembered for the “Larry Byrnes Basketball Clinic,” which he operated for over 20 years and is synonymous with New York City Basketball. Larry spent many summers as the director of the Pocono Invitational Basketball Camp. He was named Coach of the Year six times by the New York Daily News and is a member of the New York City Ivy League School Hall of Fame.

Larry is predeceased by his parents, John & Evelyn Byrnes; brothers, John E. Byrnes, Jr., Charles Byrnes, Paul Byrnes, Garrett Byrnes; and sisters, Margaret Brady and Evelyn Byrnes-Mast.

Larry is survived by his wife of 57 years, Kathleen Ann Byrnes (nee Kelly); son Lawrence T. Byrnes Jr. (AnnMarie) of Islip, New York; daughter, Kathleen Byrnes of Glen Allen, Virginia; grandchildren, Owen, Mia and Hannah; Brothers, Robert, Gerald, and Walter, and Sr. Ellen Byrnes F.S.C.

Archbishop Balvo visits New York

By Martin Heslin -Prep '68

Archbishop Charles Balvo (Cathedral College '72, Cathedral Prep '68) has

served for 36 years in the Vatican's diplomatic service and is the Apostolic Nunzio to Australia since January 2022. He generally returns to the New York area annually to visit family and renew connections with classmates. On July 10, Archbishop Balvo and 14 classmates (Msgr. Richard Ahlemeyer, Msgr. Thomas Costa, Msgr. Fernando Ferrarese, Rev. Michael McGee, Msgr. Robert Romano, Rev. William Slater,



Robert Ambrose, Albert Carbuto, Malachy Corrigan, Martin Heslin, Patrick Martin, John McGlynn, Thomas McGrail, and Joseph Rodriguez) met for dinner at Jonathan's Restaurant in New Hyde Park, NY. The evening was filled with stories of reminiscence, updates on current doings, and good cheer.

Archbishop Balvo has had a rich career in service to the Church. After studying theology at the Pontifical North American College in Rome, he was ordained as a priest of the Archdiocese of New York in 1976 and served in two upstate parishes for six years. He then studied canon law receiving a Licentiate and a Doctorate of Canon Law. In 1987, he joined the Vatican's diplomatic service and had diplomatic postings to Latin America, the Baltic States, Africa, and the Middle East.

In 2005, Archbishop Balvo was ordained to the episcopacy by Cardinal Egan and received his first appointment as an Apostolic Nuncio, to New Zealand and the islands of the Pacific. He has also served as the papal ambassador to Kenya and South Sudan and to the Czech Republic before his current posting in Australia.

In brief remarks at the dinner with classmates, Archbishop Balvo said that even after having dwelled for many years in so many places throughout the world in service to the Church, his home and heart remains in New York with his family members and community of classmates from Cathedral Prep and College. That sentiment was on full display in the shared camaraderie of the evening.

More information about Archbishop Balvo's career and reflections about his service as an Apostolic Nunzio can be found in the following interview he gave when he took up his current post in Australia:

[Archbishop Balvo takes up appointment as Nuncio to Australia - ACBC Media Blog \(catholic.org.au\)](https://www.acbcmedia.com.au/blog/archbishop-balvo-takes-up-appointment-as-nuncio-to-australia)

Requiescat in pace et in amore

Lawrence T. Byrnes - Faculty [obit](#)

William F. Hayden - Prep '67 [obit](#)

Msgr. Walter J. Niebrzydowski - College & Faculty '53 [obit](#)

Msgr. Joseph J. Zammit - College '50 [obit](#)

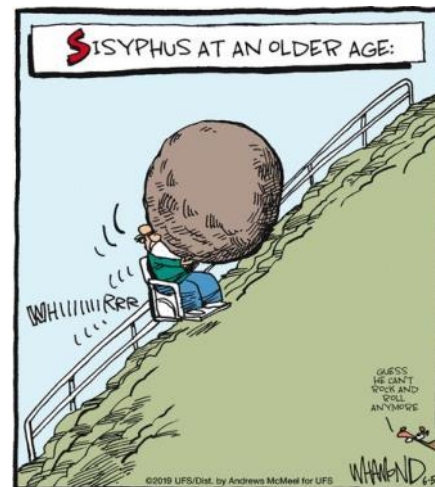
Roger K. Hunte - Prep '88 [obit](#)

George Horey - College '52 [obit](#)

Thomas J. Gleason - Prep '74 [obit](#)



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Know your Latin Math—by Ed Behn

Find the Solution for:

$Va^{II}+XXb+XXXII$ where $a = V$, $b = XX$ and $c = XXXII$, using the Quadratic Formula.

Brutus wants to buy a knife. The local merchant tells him he can buy I knife for XVIII denarii or II knives for XXXIV denarii. What percent discount will Brutus get if he buys II knives?

Cicero's chariot leaves Rome at IX in the morning traveling at X mille passus per hour. Seneca chariot leaves Pompeii at XI in the morning travelling at XV mille passus per hour. What is the color of Cicero's chariot?



Lessons from West End Avenue



By Bill Bishop

I have long been a Paul Simon fan, going back even before he was Paul Simon. The first 45 I bought as a freshman at Cathedral was “Hey Schoolgirl” by “Tom and Jerry.” We were later to learn that “Tom and Jerry” were really Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel before “Sounds of Silence.” But a single line from one song has always disturbed me: the opening of an otherwise terrific song “Kodachrome.” Paul laments, “When I think back on all the crap I learned in high school, it’s a wonder I can think at all.” I was bothered and disturbed to think that someone could think that way about their high school education because that was certainly alien to my own experience at Cathedral.

Whether it was Big Jim Byrne threatening to end my life if I didn’t learn the verbs that took the Dative in Latin or Fr. Bill Deno pointing the way to the future by introducing us to “the New Math,” with its binary base leading to computers, digital music etc., I seldom saw “crap” in what I was being taught. Of course, some subjects were less interesting than others (Greek) and some were certainly harder than others (Chemistry), but all in all looking back, I find those Cathedral years awakened a curiosity to learn that never left and might not have been otherwise discovered. I’m sorry, Paul. You should have been “Cathedral Bound.”

