

"PAST & PRESENT"

MSGR. J. JOHN BUSCO: "IT IS ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO SEND YOU A CHECK SO THAT ALL OF US CAN KEEP THE JUDSON JOURNAL COMING. AS I READ EACH ISSUE MY MEMORY GOES BACK TO THE TWENTY-TWO HAPPY YEARS I HAD AT ST. MARY OF THE ETERNAL PARISH. IT IS AMAZING HOW YOU AND YOUR STAFF GATHER ALL THE INFORMATION THAT YOU GIVE US. WHENEVER ANYONE FROM ST. MARY VISITS ME THE FIRST THING I ASK IS, "DO YOU GET THE JUDSON JOURNAL?" THEN WE GO OVER ALL WE REMEMBER ABOUT OUR WONDERFUL NEIGHBORHOOD. BEST WISHES TO YOU AND YOUR STAFF."

MARTHA FUSCO BRUCK: "I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WONDERFUL MEMORIES. KEEP THEM COMING. MY SISTER MARY ALSO LOVED READING THE JOURNAL. MARY PASSED AWAY JANUARY 1999. SHE IS DEEPLY MISSED. ENCLOSED IS A DONATION FOR YOUR EXPENSES AND HARD WORK."

JOSEPHINE CALIANO: "JUST A NOTE TO YOU IF YOU CAN FIND OUT ABOUT MY CLASS OF 1927 GRADUATION FROM ST. MARY OF THE ETERNAL CHURCH, 22ND AND CLEARFIELD ST. I DON'T THINK YOU WERE BORN THEN. I AM WONDERING HOW MANY OF US ARE STILL AROUND. ROSE MARINO, OLYMPIA MANDIA, JOSEPH FEDELI, MICHAEL BURETTA, AND FRANK VIOLA—THE REST OF US PASSED AWAY INTO GOD'S "WORLD". I AM 90 YEAR OLD. I STILL COOK FOR MYSELF, BUT CAN'T DO MUCH. I AM ON OXYGEN 24 HOURS A DAY DUE TO THE WORK I HAVE

DONE IN TEXTILES AND HOSERIE. I AM PAYING FOR IT NOW. BUT I KNOW I CAN DO A LOT FOR MY AGE AND I THANK GOD FOR THE WAY I AM. THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE WORSE THAN ME. . ENCLOSED IS A LITTLE GIFT FOR YOUR WORK. THIS IS A VERY PLEASANT PAPER "GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES FOREVER."

LOU CINCOTTA, "WHILE VISITING PHILLY LAST YEAR I WENT TO SEE MY FRIENDS PETER & MARY VACCA. WE CAME FROM THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD AND WORKED AT THE NAVY YARD, (AIRCRAFT SIDE). DURING OUR CONVERSATION MARY MENTIONED THE JJ. SHE GAVE ME HER COPY AND I ENJOYED READING IT AND WHEN I RETURNED HOME I GAVE IT TO MY WIFE TO READ. I KEEP READING IT BECAUSE OF THE FAMILIAR NAMES, STORIES AND STORES IN IT FROM THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD. I DIDN'T GO TO ST. MARYS SCHOOL, BUT ALL OF OUR CHILDREN DID. IN THE JULY 2002 EDITION I CAME ACROSS THE NAME OF WILLIE TACOLOZZI WHO I WOULD LIKE TO CONTACT. I LIVE IN CALIFORNIA AND WILL BE IN THE PHILLY AREA IN JULY 2003 AND I WILL BE STAYING AT MY DAUGHTERS HOME IN PHOENIXVILLE. IF WILLIE READS THE JJ, PLEASE CONTACT ME AT 610-935-2019. ENCLOSED IS A DONATION TO HELP SUPPORT THE JJ!"

ANTHONY DELLO RUSSO, "I WILL HELP WITH THE REUNION SAME AS LAST TIME. I WILL TRY TO ROUND UP THE CLASS OF 1959 FROM ST. MARY'S. SOME POSSIBLE

CONSIDERATIONS:

ELIMINATE THE BAND FROM NORRISTOWN, MOST OF US JUST WANT TO MINGLE AND GAB. RAY A. WAS FINE IF HE IS STILL INVOLVED AS A DJ. TAKE THE MONEY WE SPENT ON THE BAND AND SEE IF WE CAN PROVIDE SOME TRANSPORTATION FOR THE SENIORS, MAYBE A BUS FROM ANDORRA AND NORTH EAST PHILLY. THE ONLY NEGATIVE COMMENT FROM THE LAST REUNION WAS THE FOOD. ANY CHOICES ON THE CATERER? PLUS, WE HAD NOTHING ITALIAN."

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DENISE DIANTONIO, "MY MOTHERS NAME WAS MARY MARMERO AND SHE LIVED AT 3026 N. WOODSTOCK ST. SHE HAD BROTHERS NAMED CARMEN, JOHNNY, BENNY, JOEY, FREDDY AND FRANK AND SISTERS ANNIE AND MINNIE. SHE WORKED AT HOME FOR DELONG. HER FATHER FRANK WAS A BARTENDER AT THE SONS OF ITALY AND WAS MISSING PART OF HIS ARM. MY MOTHER WAS MARRIED TO BILL DEANTONIO FROM SOUTH PHILLY. HER BEST FRIEND HENRIETTA TORIELLO WAS THE MAID OF HONOR AT HER WEDDING. MOM LOVED HER OLD NEIGHBORHOOD AND ST. MARY OF THE ETERNAL CHURCH. SHE ALSO WENT TO CAMP ARCOLA ONE SUMMER AND I STILL HAVE HER AUTOGRAPH BOOK SIGNED BY OTHER CAMPERS. I WAS WONDERING IF ANYONE REMEBERS HER FAMILY. ALSO MY UNCLE CARMEN'S DAUGHTER IS LOOKING FOR

SOME PICTURES OF HER DAD BOXING. HE FOUGHT UNDER THE NAME 'K O TRACY'. WHEN WE WERE CHILDREN WE LOVED TO HEAR OVER AND OVER THE STORIES ABOUT THE PEOPLE WITH THE STRANGE NAMES LIKE CATYUMP, BRACIOLE, ETC. IF ANY ONE KNEW ANY OF MY AUNTS OR UNCLES, I WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM THEM."
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STEVE FASSANO, "I LIVED ON STELLA STREET IN PHILLY AND MOVED AWAY IN 1950. I WAS IN ATLANTIC CITY AT A CASINO PLAYING POKER WHEN THIS MAN AND I GOT TALKING ABOUT WHERE WE LIVED. HIS NAME IS JOE SALVIA WHO ALSO LIVED ON STELLA STREET. HE TOLD ME ABOUT THE JUDSON JOURNAL. COULD YOU PUT ME ON THE MAILING LIST? I AM INTERESTED IN READING IT AND WOULD APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH. I AM ENCLOSING A DONATION FOR YOU TO USE WHEREVER NEEDED. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU."

LOU FRATTINI: "THANKS AGAIN FOR THE JJ! I AM FROM THE 50's CROWD AND STILL CAN RELATE TO THAT RAP. JUST HEARING THOSE NAMES BRINGS BACK FOND MEMORIES. I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM SOME OLD BUDDIES; TONY FIORAVANTI, JACK MCGEE, AND FRED TORELLO. WHEN MY WIFE AND I GOT MARRIED, WE GOT OUR BEDROOM SET AND WEDDING RING FROM AL DONATO. THAT WAS 47 YEARS AGO AND I STILL

HAVE THE SAME WIFE, BEDROOM SET, & WEDDING RING. 23RD AND INDIANA IS ALWAYS IN MY HEART. THANK YOU FOR KEEPING THE MEMORIES ALIVE!"
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GUIDO FESTA, 3018 N HEMBURGER ST. "A FRIEND SENT ME A COPY OF THE JJ AND IT SURE WAS REFRESHING TO RELIVE THE MEMORIES OF THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD. I WORKED MANY YEARS AT CORDOMATIC AT 17TH & INDIANA. WE EMPLOYED MANY FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD, MOSTLY WOMEN, WITH A SCATTERING OF MEN. I WONDER HOW MANY ARE STILL AROUND. MY OLD FRIEND ANGELO PACIFICO FROM 20TH & INDIANA ALSO WORKED AT CORDOMATIC AND THE IRONY IS THAT WE BOTH MET OUR WIVES THERE. MY WIFE ROSE AND I CELEBRATED OUR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN NOV. 2000 AND ANGELO AND IRENE THEIR 50TH THIS YEAR. MY HOW TIME PASSES, BUT READING THE JJ FOR A MOMENT BRINGS BACK OUR YOUTH AND THE FOND MEMORIES OF 'THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD' WITH THE UNIQUE NICKNAMES THAT WERE GIVEN TO THE MANY RESIDENTS. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS TYPE OF CLOSE NIT NEIGHBORHOOD WILL PROBABLY NEVER EXIST AGAIN. CONGRATULATIONS ON AN EXCELLENT NEWSLETTER AND ENCLOSED IS A DONATION TO HELP KEEP IT COMING."

JANET DILACQUA GREEN: "LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER REUNION. AS A MATTER OF FACT, I AM WORKING ON GETTING CETTA PICARELLO TO ALSO VOLUNTEER, BUT YOU CAN COUNT ME IN. ALL IS FINE HERE IN BRIGANTINE."
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TRUDY GIUSTI: "ENCLOSED IS A COPY THAT WAS GIVEN OUT AT OUR DANCE, PLEASE NOTICE THE NAME, TOMMY VARRONE, AND THE YEAR, (1947), HE APPEARED AT THE DANCE. LITTLE DID I KNOW THAT 3 MONTHS LATER AFTER THAT DANCE I WOULD MEET MY FUTURE HUSBAND FROM THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD. HE PLAYED TRUMPET AND WENT UNDER THE NAME "RUDY RICH". BILLY DAY GAVE HIM THAT NAME. HE LIVED AT 3148 N. 24TH ST. ENCLOSED IS A DONATION TO PUBLISH AND DISTRIBUTE THE J.J. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR TIME AND HARD WORK!"

TERRY (JULIANA) MILLER: "IT WAS SUCH A PLEASURE RECEIVING THE JUDSON JOURNAL. YOU HAVE A GREAT WAY OF BRINGING A SMILE TO ALL OUR FACES WHEN WE READ THIS "STROLL DOWN MEMORY LANE". JOE, MY MOM, AND I ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE REUNION IN 2004! WE WILL ALL BE IN ATTENDANCE. MY MOM HAD SUCH A GREAT TIME AT THE LAST REUNION. GOD WILLING, WE WILL BE THERE WITH BELLS ON! IF I CAN HELP (FROM A HOME STANDPOINT), JUST LET ME

KNOW. OUR DAUGHTER IS EXPECTING HER 4TH CHILD THIS SUMMER AND I WILL BE HELPING HER OUT WITH SOME BABYSITTING. I ANTICIPATE BEING SOMEWHAT BUSY AND OUR SON RECENTLY MARRIED AND IS ANXIOUS FOR A FAMILY—NEED I SAY MORE? ANYWAY, IF I CAN STUFF ENVELOPES AT HOME OR MAKE A LIST OR CONTACT PEOPLE FROM HOME, I WOULD BE MORE THAN WILLING TO BE OF SERVICE. THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO TO KEEP THE MEMORIES ALIVE FOR ALL OF US...KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK! ENCLOSED IS A DONATION TO HELP WITH THE COST OF PUBLICATION. DO KEEP US POSTED ON THE UPCOMING REUNION."

CARMINE MANDIA: "I AM SENDING A CHECK TO YOU. PLEASE SEND ME THE JOURNAL IN DOYLESTOWN, PA."

MARIE MASCARO: "FIFTY SEVEN YEARS AGO, I MARRIED A YOUNG MAN FROM YOUR NECK OF THE WOODS, BY THE NAME OF ANTHONY "SCATS" MASCARO. I CAME FROM MANAYUNK. THROUGH THE STORIES THAT SCATS HAS TOLD ME OVER THE YEARS ABOUT MANY OF THE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN HE KNEW THERE, I FEEL AS IF I KNOW THEM. AFTER WE MARRIED, WE LIVED ON RINGGOLD STREET, AND GOT TO KNOW MANY PEOPLE THERE AND I AGREE, IT WAS A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE AND SHOP. I READ, AS USUAL, THE LATEST EDITION OF YOUR

JOURNAL AND WHEN I GOT TO THE ARTICLE ABOUT "A SHANTY IN OLD SHANTYTOWN" AND THE RECOLLECTION FROM A MAN FROM SOUTH PHILLY ABOUT HOW THE LYRICS WENT, TO WIT: "THE ROOFS SO WORN DOWN, THAT IT TUMBLED TO THE GROUND" AND "THEY BETTER NOT GO LOOKING FOR A QUEEN WITH 'SILVERY HAIR' BECAUSE SHE'LL WEAR A 'SILVERY GOWN'", I KNEW I HAD TO TAKE UP A CHALLENGE FOR THE BOYS AND RESPOND. I HAD THE RECORD THAT TED BLACK RECORDED AND THE WORDS ARE FOREVER ETCHED IN MY MIND, SO WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO THE SOUTH PHILLY CRITIC, I SUBMIT, WORD FOR WORD, THIS SONG:

IN A SHANTY IN OLD SHANTYTOWN

IT'S ONLY A SHANTY IN OLD SHANTYTOWN.

THE ROOF IS SO SLANTY, IT TOUCHES THE GROUND.

IT'S A TUMBLE DOWN SHACK BY AN OLD RAILROAD TRACK,

LIKE A MILLIONAIRE'S MANSION, IT'S CALLING ME BACK.

I'D GIVE UP A PALACE IF I WERE A KING,

IT'S MORE THAN A PALACE, IT'S MY EVERYTHING.

THERE'S A QUEEN WAITING THERE,

WITH A SILVERY CROWN, IN A SHANTY IN OLD SHANTYTOWN.

I HOPE THIS HELPS MR. SOUTH PHILLY REALIZE HIS RECOLLECTION WAS WRONG, BUT THAT'S OK, IT HAPPENS

TO THE BEST OF US. I'M SURE "THE BOYS" ENJOYED BEING CORRECTED BY HIM ALMOST AS MUCH AS I DID. I HAVE A REQUEST. I REMEMBER THE TEXAS HOT WEINERS THAT WE ENJOYED SO MUCH. DOES ANYONE HAVE THE RECIPE? SCATS IS SENDING A DONATION TO HELP YOU KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK."

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JOANNE WATSON POTERO, 2063 STELLA ST. "I'M WRITING TO GIVE YOU MY NEW ADDRESS. I'VE FINALLY MOVED FROM PHILLY TO NEW JERSEY. I ALSO WANT TO SAY HOW MUCH I ENJOY GETTING THE JJ AND GIVE A DONATION. IT'S REALLY GREAT TO READ ABOUT THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD AND HOW EVERYONE IS DOING. THANKS!"

RON ROCCO, "I ALWAYS LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING THE JJ. KEEP THOSE MEMORIES ALIVE! ENCLOSED IS A CHECK TO HELP WITH THE EXPENSES."

LUCILLE SPERA, 3019 N. 22ND ST. "VIVIAN CATALDI CERTAINLY KNOWS THE KINGS ENGLISH, AS EXEMPLIFIED IN HER LETTER TO THE JOURNAL. I'M NOT SURPRISED AS SHE WAS ONE OF THE BRIGHTEST STUDENTS IN OUR CLASS ALONG WITH FORTUNATO DIGIACOMO DONIS, GERALDINE MARMERO-WHERE ARE YOU?- AND MY COUSIN LUCY SPERA. WE RUN INTO EACH OTHER NOW AND THEN, BUT SHE IS A VERY BUSY PERSON SO OUR CHATS ARE JUST THAT. SHE

HAS A DELIGHTFUL PERSONALITY AND A JOY TO KNOW. THE CATALDI HOME WAS ALWAYS OPEN TO FRIENDS AND HER MOTHER WOULD COOK THE MOST MAGNIFICENT GRAVY AND OTHER CULINARY WONDERS. WHEN WE USED TO SEE EACH OTHER, SHE HAD THE SAME BEAUTIFUL SMILE AS HER DAUGHTER. I HAVEN'T HAD THE PLEASURE OF RUNNING INTO VIVIAN AND HER MOM FOR SOMETIME NOW, BUT KNOW THAT SHE IS STILL GOING TO ALL THE WONDERFUL OCCASIONS THAT ARE HELD FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS, A TRUE LADY. THE THING THAT INTRIGUED ME THE MOST WAS VIVIAN'S TALE OF THE UNKNOWN AUTHOR OF "NO ONE COVERED THE FIG TREE." MY GRANDFATHER VITO SPERA AND HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW PHILIP DIGIACOMO AND MY GRANDMOTHER MARIA ALFIERI SPERA AND MY AUNT ANGELINE DIGIACOMO ALSO HAD TWO HUGE TREES WHICH WERE TENDED TO AS THOUGH THEY WERE BABIES. THEIR RESPECTIVE HOMES WERE CONNECTED BY A PATH THAT BEGAN AT 21ST & CLEARFIELD AND ENDED AT 2021 TORONTO STREET, AS A RESULT, THE TREES WERE IN EFFECT CONNECTED. TREES LIKE THAT WILL NEVER BE SEEN AGAIN BY THOSE OF US WHO LIVED IN OUR WORLD-NECTAR OF THE GODS. NOW FOR A LITTLE HISTORY OF PHILIP AND ANGELINE DIGIACOMO- THEY HAD ONE DAUGHTER, MARY WHO WAS THE MOTHER OF, HECTOR, LOUIS, MONSIGNOR ARTHUR,

THERESA, ANGELINE AND GLORIA. WE HAD GREAT TIMES ON 22ND STREET WHERE EVERYONE SEEMED TO GRAVITATE SINCE WE ALL LIVED NEREBY; PAT TRAITZ OF BELOVED MEMORY, VIVIAN CATALDI, MY COUSINS, THE SPERA'S, FRANCES SPERA FABIANI, THE DIGIACOMO'S, THE D'ANDREA'S, THE CLIMALDI, THE SCHIVO'S WHO LIVED ON FEDERAL STREET. JOAN SPERA UELLI AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST THE CARUNGO'S, WILLIAM, NANCY AND GAIL, WHO LIVED IN SOUTHWEST. WE HAVE SECOND COUSINS TOO NUMEROUS TO REMEMBER. THE BEAUTIES IN OUR FAMILY ARE MY SISTER NANCY SPERA NICASTRO, MARY DIGIACOMO GIORNO, WHOSE FIRST HUSBAND WAS PASQUALE BRESSIE, A GREAT GUY, AND JOAN SPERA UELLI. COULDN'T FORGET MY THIRD COUSINS JEAN AND SALLY PISACANO- THE SALT OF THE EARTH. I ALSO BELIEVE IN THE HEREAFTER WHERE WE WILL HAVE THE GREATEST REUNION EVER, SINCE WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ELSE. BUT THEN WHO WOULD WANT TO? THE ENCLOSURE IS FOR YOUR WORK ON OUR BEHALF."

MARY VACCA "ENCLOSED IS A CHECK TO HELP WITH EXPENSES. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THE JJ! WE DO ENJOY IT SO MUCH. I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION THAT A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE DOLLY MARINELLI BRUN PASSED AWAY. YOU MADE HER VERY HAPPY WHEN SHE

RECEIVED HER JOURNAL. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE REUNION. ALSO THANKS FROM MY HUSBAND PETE!"

ROSE MAURIELLO WOOSTER, 3017 N. 25TH STREET. "IT IS THE SMELLS OF THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD THAT EVOKE THE MEMORIES FOR ME. THE SMELL OF MELI'S BAKERY; GIUFRIDI'S MARKET; THE RED JUICE OF THE GRAPES RUNNING DOWN THE STREET IN THE FALL. REMEMBER THE SMELL WHEN YOU WALKED INTO THE BAKERY ON 22ND STREET ON FRIDAY NIGHT WHEN THEY MADE PIZZA. THE SMELL OF MUSHI'S STORE, YOU COULD ALWAYS FIND WHAT YOU NEEDED. THE STEAK SHOP ON CLEARFIELD STREET WEST OF 23RD STREET A COMBINATION OF THE HOMEMADE ITALIAN WATER ICE AND THE STEAKS BEING GRILLED. THE SMELL OF THE INCENSE AS WE ENTERED CHURCH AND THE WAX FROM THE CANDLES BURNING BRIGHTLY. WASN'T IT YESTERDAY THAT WE SAT IN THE LAST ROW OF THE CAMBRIA THEATRE ON FRIDAY NIGHT AND FILLED WATER GUNS FOR THE BOYS IN THE LADIES ROOM. I REMEMBER THE CORK COMING OUT OF THE GUN AND THE WATER FLOWING DOWN MY DUNGAREES! I REMEMBER THE SMELL OF THE POPCORN AND THE MOVIES WE NEVER WATCHED. ONE MOVIE THAT STUCK WITH ME FOR YEARS WAS SHOWN IN THE GYM AT ST. MARY'S IT WAS "GREEN DOLPHIN STREET", I NEVER

FORGOT THAT MOVIE. READING THE JJ STIRS UP ALL THESE MEMORIES. THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR SHARING YOUR FONDEST MEMORIES! KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK! ENCLOSED IS A DONATION TO ASSIST. I HOPE I CAN TRAVEL FROM ARIZONA FOR THE 2004 SPRING REUNION. WOULDN'T THAT BE GREAT?"

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FILOMENA DEMORA WALL, "PLEASE KEEP THE JJ COMING! I REALLY ENJOY THEM. ENCLOSED IS A DONATION TOWARD THE PAST AGE!"

GERALDINE MARMERO SACHETTI YANELLI, 3008 N. 22ND STREET, "MY COSIN DENISE DEANTONIO SENT ME THE JJ. IT WAS GREAT! I WAS BORN AT 21ST AND INDIANA AVE. IN THE FRONT BEDROOM IN OCTOBER 1931. I SANG IN THE ST. MARY'S CHOIR WITH THE LOVELY FORTUNATA DIGIACOMO. ANOTHER GIRLHOOD FRIEND WAS VIVACIOUS VIVIAN CATALDI, COULD SHE DANCE. HER MOM IS THE SWEETEST LADY. AFTER GRADUATION IN 1946 MY PARENTS, MY BROTHER FRANK AND I MOVED TO JUNIATA PARK. I MISSED THEM AND OTHER GOOD FRIENDS LUCY SPERA, ANGELINE FIORE AND ADELE BELLO. I MARRIED A SOUTH PHILLY BOY EDMOND SACHETTI IN 1950. HE DIED IN JAN. 1979. IN 1980 I MARRIED ANOTHER SOUTH PHILLY BOY ANDREW YANELLI. I OFTEN TALK TO MY BROTHER ABOUT THOSE YOUNG DAYS. WE WERE

POOR BUT HAPPY, BECAUSE ARE PARENTS ALWAYS PUT US FIRST. I HAVE 5 CHILDREN AND 4 GRANDCHILDREN AND 3 GREAT-GRANDSONS. I WONDER IF ANYONE REMEMBERS MY FATHER CARMEN MARMERO? HE FOUGHT UNDER THE NAME "K.O. TRACY" AT THE CAMBRIA AC IN 1924 (NOW THE BLUE HORIZON, AS IT IS CALLED IN THE MOVIE ROCKY). I BELIEVE HE WAS SPONSORED BY TRAITZ FLOWER SHOP ON 22ND STREET NEAR ST. MARY'S. ENCLOSED IS A DONATION TO HELP CONTINUE THE JJ."

How Has My Faith Prepared Me for Adolescence?

By: Rachel Mancini

My faith has prepared me for adolescence by helping me to learn about three key parts to growing as a Catholic; kindness, forgiveness, and my understanding of important opportunities. In my life I have had and will have to make many important decisions that will influence the path I choose.

I have learned that being kind can help me grow closer to my family, friends, and neighbors. In growing, I have realized that I have to witness the life of Jesus to others, as well as make it a model for my own life. Kindness has helped me understand that each person is made in the image and likeness of God, no matter what color their skin is, what cultural background they have,

or what religion they practice. Everyone is called to live with God in heaven when the time comes. Everyone is considered special to God. I have also learned that my greatest moral responsibility is to love my neighbors just as Jesus did.

In my life, I've learned that forgiveness is necessary to live as a Catholic. It is only through the grace of God that our sins are healed. To be forgiven is to be given the chance to start over again. I've realized that there are many moments in a day when I ask to be forgiven. Knowing that forgiving was at the heart of Jesus' ministry tells me that I am continuing His work.

Finally, I have learned that understanding the significance of important opportunities will help me become a better individual. Certain decisions, such as trying my hardest, will affect the way I live when I become an adult. That is why the choices I make in life have to be thought out carefully and considerately. Many people say that some things are coincidences. I think that each event that takes place in my life is just another part in God's plan for me.

As a result of the lessons I've learned from my loving parents, family, teachers, and friends, I know that God will always love me in a very special way. Regardless of the many things that may happen in my life, I will always have one constantly loving friend, God.

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a card or a note, his
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ARE YOU UP FOR A REUNION?

If you are ready please let
us know. Drop us a line!
Tentative Plans:
Spring 2004
Buffet and Open Bar
Dancing to the Sounds of
Joey & Mickey
Anyone interested in
being on the committee;
or those people who are
interested in donating a
door prize; or would like
to make a suggestion
about the affair.

Please contact Aaron at
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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

LUCILLE GRASSO

July 6, 2003

Don't grieve for me, for
now I'm free. I'm
following the path God
laid for me. I took His
hand when I heard Him
call. I turned my back
and left it all.
I could not stay another
day to laugh, to love, to
work or play. Tasks left
undone must stay that
way. I found that place at
the close of the day.
If my parting has left a
void, then fill it with
remembering joy. A
friendship shared, a
laugh, a kiss. Ah yes,
these things, I too will
miss.
Be not burdened with the
times of sorrow. I wish
you the sunshine of
tomorrow. My life's been
full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed
all too brief, do not
lengthen it now with
undo grief. Lift up your
heart and share with me.
God wanted me now, He
set me free.
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Wisdom of the Thorn

Reprinted from Fr.
Maguire's book, "Follies
of a Navy Chaplain"

As a child,
To partake more of her
beauty,
I plucked the rose.
I coaxed and cared for
her
She faded and died.
Lacking restraint, I did
not heed the thorn,
"Love her, yes, but stay
apart
Grasping is two edged
Learn from my advice
Accept
The unattainable in
beauty"

PRAYER TO SAINT RITA OF CASIA. MY CONSOLER.

GLORIOUS ST. RITA, THOU
WHO MIRACULOUSLY SHARED
IN THE PAINFUL PASSION
OF OUR LORD JESUS
CHRIST, OBTAIN THAT I
MAY BEAR THE SORROWS OF
THIS LIFE WITH
RESIGNATION, AND PROTECT
ME IN ALL MY NEEDS.

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