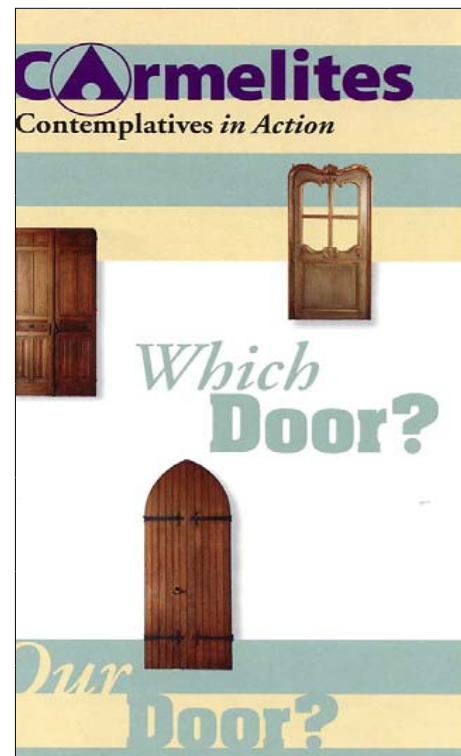


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Three Profess Simple Vows in Middletown



(L-R) Brothers Francis Xavier Chinh Nguyen, O. Carm., Joseph Nguyen Do, O. Carm. and Joseph Alba, O. Carm.

Francis Xavier Chinh Nguyen and Joseph Nguyen Do will return to Vietnam to continue their philosophy studies. Joseph Alba has been assigned to internship at Immaculate Conception/St. Joseph Church in Leavenworth, Kansas.

A luncheon reception followed the Simple Profession in Pilgrim Hall at St. Albert's Priory in Middletown where family and friends were able to extend their congratulations to the newly-professed and wish them well as they continue on their journey in Carmel.

The Novitiate Class of 2004-05 was received at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel the night before the profession, Sunday, June 13th. Brother **Fabio Rojas**, O. Carm.(SEL), Brother **Francis Xavier Thuong Nguyen**, O. Carm.(SEL), Brother **Marlon Mateo**, O. Carm.,(PCM) and Brother **David Genders**, O. Carm., (PCM) received the Carmelite habit in a private ceremony.

Priors Provincial, **Michael Kissane**, O. Carm. and **John Russell**, O. Carm. (PCM) received the Novices as members of their Provinces and invited all Carmelites in attendance to join in a reception held in St. Albert's Priory afterwards.

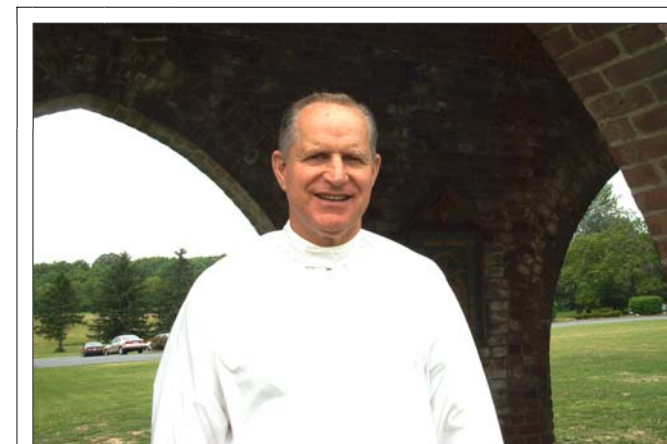
The celebration was also an opportunity to thank Father **Gerald Payea**, O. Carm., of the Most Pure Heart of Mary Province, for his term as Novice Director for the past couple of years. Father Gerry is returning to parish ministry in Peru. A warm welcome was extended to Father **Quinn Conners**, O. Carm., who has assumed the helm as PCM Novice Director with Father **Timothy Ennis** (SEL) for the 2004-2005 Novitiate Year.

Three Carmelite Friars publicly professed their Simple Vows of Obedience, Poverty and Chastity in the Chapel of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Middletown, New York on Monday, June 14, 2004.

Brothers Francis Xavier Chinh Nguyen, O. Carm. and Joseph Nguyen Do, O. Carm. From the Vietnam Mission of the Saint Elias Province, along with Brother Joseph Alba, O. Carm. Of the Province of the Most Pure Heart of Mary kneeled before their provincials and professed their temporary vows for a period of three years.

Brother Francis Xavier Chinh Nguyen, 37, born in Saigon, and Joseph Nguyen Do, 27, born in Dong Nai, Vietnam, came to the United States in May of 2002 as Pre-Novices. While in Vietnam, Chinh worked in a military factory and with orphans while Joseph Nguyen was finishing his university studies. As Novices, both participated in ministry at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School in Middletown, New York assisting in the First Eucharist program.

While participating in the Novitiate year, the three brothers studied together, shared household duties and made many friends while in Middletown. Joseph Alba shared his poetry. Nguyen and Chinh shared their art. Chinh also entertained with his harmonica and guitar.



We bid farewell to Novice Director, Rev. Gerald Payea, O. Carm., as he returns to parochial ministry in Peru.

The Novitiate Year

Traditionally, the Novitiate Year begins on the first Sunday in June. They then enter a five-day closed retreat. After completing the retreat they are received into the Novitiate on the evening of the second Sunday in June, and are invested then with the brown habit. The ceremony for reception of novices is extremely simple and takes place in the context of Evening Prayer. It is a celebration of the Carmelite community. Hence, the family members of the novices do not attend. The expectation or goal of a novice over the span of his novitiate year is that he assume responsibility for his participation in the life of his community and the novitiate program so that he can prepare himself for a decision with regard to a vowed life with the Carmelite community. In order to gain a thorough foundation of Carmelite spirituality and life, the novices follow a year-long studies program. During the summer various presenters come to the Novitiate to

speak on different aspects of being a religious and being a Carmelite. They provide an introduction to the diversity and complexities of this life. Topics during this time may include history of the Carmelite Order and of the Provinces, prayer, the vows, major Carmelite saints and other important Carmelite Texts.

Beginning in September, the novices join in the Inter-Community Novitiate Program sponsored by the Religious Formation Conference, Region 2. Both men and women novices from various nearby religious communities participate in this program of classes on religious life and spirituality. The courses are geared toward the needs of the novices and the challenges they face in embracing the religious life. The program concludes at the end of April or beginning of May. The Novice strives to live out the Gospel call to renewal of life in the Reign of God.

Today, many of those who come to the Novitiate also come from a variety of cultures and languages. Hence, the Novitiate community strives in every way possible to be open to the diversity of cultures while maintaining an emphasis on the faith that unites all in the Church.

During the year, from September to May, the Novices are involved in no more than six hours of ministry each week. This ministry experience provides the opportunity to reflect on the mission of the Church as well as the Novice's own ability to take up that mission. In choosing ministries, attention is given to ones that provide direct experience with working with the underprivileged and the poor.

The culmination of the Novitiate Year, after a year of study, ministry, prayer, community life and growth, is the profession of temporary vows, or Simple Profession. ["Formation Toward Brotherhood; Carmelite Manual of Formation", 2001]

Groundbreaking at Mount Carmel Parish



Middletown, NY. Father Frank Dixon, O. Carm. breaks ground at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Middletown, New York on Saturday, July 17th for a new Parish Center while Deacon Edward Woods looks on along with a parishioner. The new \$1.8 million Parish Center will be large enough to have meetings for the Parish as well as be the home of the weekly Bingo games that support the Parish School.

"It's been a long time coming," said Father Frank. "And it's very much needed. Our parishioners need space to conduct meetings and other programs."

Within hours of the groundbreaking a flatbed truck carrying a piece of heavy equipment rolled onto the property. As soon as the building permit is issued from the Town of Wallkill, the work will begin on the two-level building. It is hoped to be ready for occupancy by Christmas, 2004.

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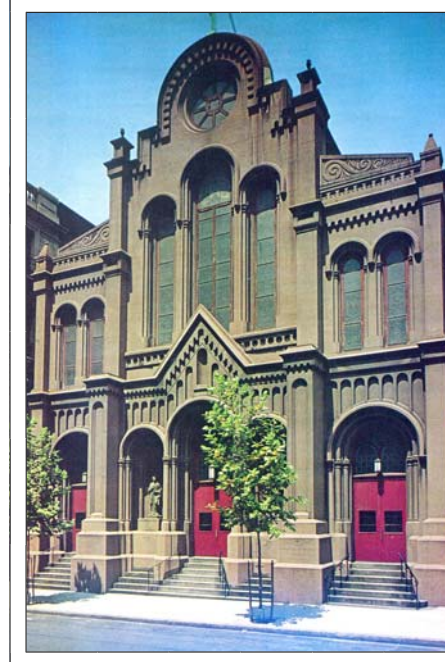
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Restorations at Historical Church in New York City



Lorraine Servino came to see the famous Brumidi paintings at **Our Lady of the Scapular-St. Stephen's Parish** on 29th Street in New York City and stayed for almost two years. In September, 2002, spurred on by an article written by OLS/SS parishioner, **Eva Lassiter** in the National Italian American Foundation (NIAF) bulletin, Ms. Servino, then a student in the Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) Restoration Program, came to see the restoration work that was being done on the Brumidi's magnificent Crucifixion scene and noticed the poor condition of the various marble works on the main altar. She proposed a plan to the Pastor, Father **Sean Harlow**, O. Carm., and the Chairman of FIT's Restoration Department, Dr. Hugh Crean, which encompassed the repair and cleaning of the pulpit and altar rail. Once she had their approval, she set about obtaining funding from NIAF and FIT to support the project, and in February of 2003, she and six other Restoration students began work on the pulpit under the supervision of conservator Dennis Degnan, who numbers among his achievements the restoration of the marble courtyard at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The main focus of the first few months of the project was the replication of the statues of the four evangelists which belonged on the pulpit but were found to have been relocated to a small wooden pulpit elsewhere in the Church. The students made plaster replicas of the marble statues in order to replace the originals on the main altar's pulpit and the copies on the wooden pulpit. Then the long arduous task of cleaning and repairing the pulpit and altar rail began.

Missing elements found in a church closet were reattached to the pulpit. Others, made by taking molds of similar existing pieces, and some which had to be fashioned by hand, were similarly put in place. Cleaning was begun using several methods including clay poultices, mild detergents, erasers, cotton swabs, baking soda and paint strippers. When Lorraine graduated from FIT in May of 2003, the work was far from done; and she was determined to keep the project going. She and Dennis worked throughout the summer and in September were able to enlist the aid of two more groups of FIT students to continue the work throughout the fall 2003 and into the spring 2004 semesters. The restoration work on the pulpit and altar rails is expected to be completed this July, 2004. The mural works of 19th Century artist, Constantino Brumidi, over the main altar and inside the Church have been in various stages of restoration over the past several years through the efforts of art experts and funded by donations, fundraising and grants. Our Lady of the Scapular-St. Stephen's Church is located on 151 East 28th Street (between Lexington and 3rd Avenue) in Manhattan, New York and is



The restored pulpit at Our Lady of the Scapular-St. Stephen's Parish

staffed by Carmelite Friars. The Church has been an anchor of the neighborhood for over one hundred and fifty years. Long recognized as a haven for poor and diverse immigrant populations of many countries and faiths, as well as being an important site in the history of the Archdiocese of New York, parishioners and visitors to the Church are now appreciating the priceless artwork and glorious beauty of this parish.



The restored Brumidi "Crucifixion" mural at Our Lady of the Scapular-St. Stephen's Church on 29th Street in Manhattan, NY

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Father **John Logan**, O. Carm. gave at talk at the Serra Club of Manhattan on Tuesday, June 8th. The subject of Fr. Logan's talk was "The Study of the National Review Board" which was commissioned by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to report on the causes and context of the Sexual Abuse scandal in the United States.

Bishop **Ronald M. Gilmore**, of the Diocese of Dodge City (Kansas), gave permission to transfer the celebration of the Solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel to Sunday, July

18, 2004, for the parishes of St. Joseph in Ashland and Holy Spirit Station in Coldwater. Father **Maurice Cummings**, O. Carm. requested the permission so that the Feast could be celebrated with greater solemnity by a greater number of the faithful. Bishop Gilmore was ordained to the episcopacy on the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and did his graduate thesis on the writings of St. John of the Cross.

A group of teenage youth from **St. Jude's Church** in Boca Raton, Florida participated in a Mission Trip in early July to a number of needy areas in Mexico and Arizona. They became involved in assisting poor people at the Navajo Nation of Arizona at Window Rock, AZ.

The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was celebrated at the **National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel** in Middletown, New York with celebrant, Bishop Anthony Lagonegro, Vicar of Orange County. Following the Mass, a procession was held to dedicate the Shrine's new **Mary's Garden**. Visit the Shrine's website: www.ourladyofmtcarmelshrine.com to see the magnificent garden planted with "Mary's Flowers" and learn of its history and origin.

Congratulations to Father **Robert Tracy**, O. Carm. upon being awarded the Veteran Administrations' "Shining Star Award" recently. The "Shining Star" is an award of the V.A. Hudson Valley Health Care System recognizing significant contributions of employees to the mission and values of the system. This award was given to Robert Tracy for his consistent way of interacting

with staff, patients and peers in a manner that lifts the patients' mood and increases the morale of the staff. One incident cited for the bestowal of the award took place in November, 2003 when an out-of-control patient became belligerent and would not respond to the staff's verbal instructions. This patient took refuge in the Chapel of the hospital and would not allow himself to be escorted back to his unit. Robert Tracy intervened, speaking to the patient in a manner that calmed him down and convinced him to allow the staff to accompany him back to his unit. Because of Chaplain Tracy's actions, a potentially explosive situation was defused, a patient received needed treatment and no one was injured.

Congratulations to Father **Raymond Bagdonis**, O. Carm. and the parishioners of **Our Lady of the Assumption Church** in Bloomingburg, New York for another successful "Summer Fest", held on Saturday, July 17, 2004. The Event was held on the Church's Father Forrester Parish Center and the annual event has sustained the Parish as a fundraiser for almost three decades. Laughter and cheerful conversation reigned supreme throughout the day. From the children's corner and the food booths to the well-stocked flea market and the auction, the outing was termed a big success.

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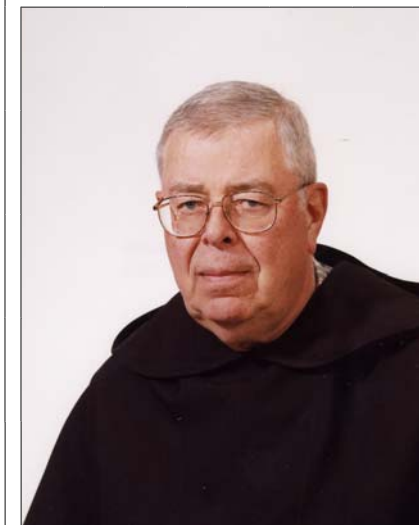


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THE WAY IT WAS

By Father Alfred Isacson, O. Carm., Provincial Archivist



Fr. Alfred Isacson, O. Carm.

A Deal Between Orange County Community College and Saint Albert's

Between 1968 and 1972, Orange County Community College in Middletown, New York was erecting five buildings on their campus exhausting, at the same time, their open land. Seeking space for playing fields, the college arranged a meeting on February 28, 1968 with Timothy Johnson and Alfred Isacson at Saint Albert's. They wanted to lease, buy or exchange land with the seminary. Dean George Stangler and William Hall, the college's architect and planner, were the main negotiators and were interested in the land between the third lake and Waywayanda Avenue. Another parcel that drew their interest was the tract between the cemetery and the city of Middletown water tower.

One month later, March 28, another meeting showed the college more inclined to the land between the water tower and the cemetery and the use of the seminary's existing ball fields from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

The college had some time to think over their options and in a meeting of June 20, stated their reluctance to build on or improve property they did not own. They

revealed at this meeting that they had the opportunity to purchase thirty-seven acres at the State Hospital which they planned to use for parking. They also presented Saint Albert's four options for consideration: 1. purchase the entire Saint Albert's property; 2. trade hospital property for the parcel along Waywayanda Avenue and buy one half of Saint Albert's 320 acres including all the buildings of that time; 3. trade the hospital property for the Waywayanda Avenue parcel and buy thirty-seven acres including the ball fields; 4. Orange County Community College would rent playing fields. These proposals indicated the serious level the discussions had risen to and the provincial, Lawrence Mooney, became involved.

At the next meeting on June 28 Lawrence Mooney, John Parsons, Gerard McCarthy and the entire Saint Albert's community met with the college's officials. Mooney said he preferred the college's second option: trade the hospital land for the Waywayanda Avenue parcel and the college buy half of Saint Albert's land including all the buildings. To obtain a price for this transaction, the college suggested three appraisals: one by them, one by the seminary and one by someone agreeable to both. The college and the seminary both agreed to obtain appraisals. At the conclusion of the meeting the college made the point that their needs were provided for until 1980 and that the seminary could use buildings and property until then even though the ownership was changed.

At the next meeting, July 26, 1968, Lawrence Mooney stated that he was an interested seller and the college an interested buyer. He said that he would accept no less than ten million dollars for the second option. Samuel Cuddeback, Jr., chairman of the college's board of trustees, was present at the meeting. He had with him the college's appraisal but would not reveal its figure but did say it was about ten percent of Mooney's figure. This instance of non disclosure and belittling of Mooney's figure, though the seminary had not even begun an appraisal, infuriated Mooney who from this point was not as interested in a deal as before. Mooney seemed determined at the start of this meeting to get a deal done. I feel certain that if Cuddeback had revealed

his appraisal, Mooney would have taken this as a negotiating point. It would have saved him obtaining an appraisal and a deal would have been verbally completed that day. Mooney was leaving in a few days for Rome for three months and it was suggested that William Hall examine the current Saint Albert's facilities and arrive at a replacement cost.

After the return of Lawrence Mooney from Rome, he, Alfred Isacson, William Hall and John Doran of Hall's staff met in New York City on November 4, 1968. Hall repeated the suggestion for three appraisals and Mooney agreed but stated that the seminary did not have to sell placing the college in the position of making an offer that was attractive. In January of 1969, Mooney had taken no steps towards an appraisal but later that month, he asked Fred Koppens, the Carmelite investment adviser, to make an appraisal.

The next communiqué in these dealings is a request from William Hall to Lawrence Mooney requesting the sale to the college for a parking lot the triangular shaped piece of land bordering along Waywayanda and below the dam of the third lake. The reply made was that, as had been stated when this request was previously made, the price of \$5,000 as too low and that section of land was the natural drainage point for all the land bordered by the third lake.

Looking back at these negotiations more than thirty years later, one wonders what went wrong. Facilities would have been duplicated and in a modern fashion. The price would have had surplus funds that would not have been not used for construction but placed in an endowment. Those at Saint Albert's at the time were in favor of the venture. Having been at most of the sessions, I feel that the meeting of July 26, 1968 when Samuel Cuddeback would not reveal his appraisal and belittled Lawrence Mooney's price of ten million, he gave the Saint Albert's people the definite impression that the college was not negotiating in good faith but was trying to browbeat the seminary. That meeting was so out of the character of the numerous previous meetings where Dean Stangler and William Hall were open and cordial. Up to that point, I felt some deal would go through to the benefit of Saint Albert's and its endowment but from that day on, I knew there would be no deal.

St. Albert's Alumni Picnic Great Success

By Very Rev. Michael Kissane, O. Carm.



On a comfortable July day, more than 30 Alumni of St Albert's Junior Seminary in Middletown, NY gathered with their families and friends to renew old friendships and share memories of their time at St. Albert's Junior Seminary. The day featured two great events - the Alumni Softball Game and the Alumni Mass in St Albert's chapel. Other highlights of the day included: the blessing of the Rev. Albert Daly, O. Carm. Memorial Barn, the awarding of the "Commissioner's Trophy for Excellence on the Softball Field" and the consuming of the culinary delights delicately prepared by Patrick McGuigan, O. Carm. and Michael Kissane, O. Carm. (1976). The Alumni began arriving at 12:30 pm even though the picnic was scheduled to begin at 12:00 noon! Of course, this type of tardiness would never have been tolerated in the "old days". One of the first arrivals was Bruce Giarraffa (class of 1973) who had not been seen by his classmate Mike Stec in quite some time. Many of the Alumni of St Albert's showed some "wear and tear" but all in all most were in good shape. The burgers were thrown on the grill and the other refreshments began flowing. The party began! In total, more than 70 people showed up and a good time was had by all. Some recognizable who were present included Michael Brennan (1964), John Cummins (OCCC Teacher and former Carmelite), and Brendan Talty (1973) Sir Mary Claire Rhatigan, OP, who worked on many a Camp Carmel was also present. Many present day Carmelites showed up for the day. Albert Pavlik, O. Carm., the former long-suffering Athletic Director/Coach of St Albert's was eagerly waiting to see if some of his former softball players would finally be able to redeem

themselves and put on at least a credible performance on the field. Alfred Isacson, O. Carm., principal of St Albert's from 1973-1976 came to see if John Raftery (class of 1976) would finally fess up to stealing the bug juice after crawling from the boiler room to the kitchen storage room back in 1977. Robert Greco, O. Carm. came by to see if some of his former classmates showed up. He did find Joe Nash, class of 1949 present who was around his time. Joe was the oldest alumnus present! Francis Dixon, O. Carm., a St Albert's graduate who later taught history at St Albert's in 1976-78 was able to meet some of his former students: Joe Hourihan (1978) and Chris Espejo (1978). He was also happy to see Fred Schwartz (1974). Patrick McGuigan, O. Carm. was happy to see Bernie Flaherty (1971) and Bob Linderman (1970). Michael Kissane, O. Carm. (1976) and Eugene Foley, O. Carm. (1976) were glad to see their classmates Tim Weiler (1976), Kevin Dwyer (1976) and John Raftery (1976). Many other Carmelites came by to say hello. They included: Chris Byrnes, O. Carm., Gus Graap, O. Carm., Roberto Perez, O. Carm., Esteban Rodriguez, O. Carm., and James Andrews, O. Carm. Some of the present Carmelite Students showed up for the festive event also. They included: Emil Abalahin, Joseph Hung, Stephan Huy, Stephan Tuu, Francis Xavier Thuong, Joseph Phuong, Joseph Son, and John Baptist. While the Alumni played softball, the students all played soccer. One alumnus commented: "That looks like too much running!". Around 2:30pm, after an unbelievable amount of hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage, beans, corn, potatoes and chips had been consumed,

the duly appointed Commissioner of Softball for many a Camp Carmel (Mike Stec from the class of 1973) announced that the game would begin in ten minutes. Those Alumni of able body began to prepare themselves by loading up on the Ben Gay, wrapping their ankles and grabbing one last soda or beer before the game. Captains were soon chosen. Mike Stec was immediately asked to be one captain since he provided the trophy that was created by Mike Elsasser (1973) who was unable to attend. Plus, it was felt by the Provincial Mike Kissane (1976) who duly appointed him Softball Commissioner for this reunion that Mike Stec would simply pick up his bats and go home if he weren't chosen as a captain. Very quickly during warm-ups it became apparent that Juan Medina (1974) was still a force to be reckoned with on the field so he was chosen as the other captain. Sides were quickly chosen. Surprisingly, Joe Hourihan (1978) was not the last to be chosen as was the case back when he was in High School. From the onset it seemed that the "Mighty Medinas" were well in shape and doubts soon arose as to whether the "Strong Steckers" would be able to overcome the challenge and Mike would be able to walk home with the coveted trophy once again. The Steckers got first licks. Chris Espejo (1978) led off. With cigar in his mouth he blasted the ball into the outfield and became the first alumnus to reach base. Chris looked a little winded when he arrived at first but it was apparent that his skills at bat had improved since his high school days. Juan Medina's daughter became the official, self-appointed "referee" of the game. The only problem she had was that she did not realize that St Albert's Alumni never followed any



St. Albert's Alumni Picnic Great Success, Part 2

rules! Juan's daughter, who mentioned she was on the "traveling team" in her league was quite a player and referee and it was clear to all that Juan's skill was being passed on to the next generation. Mike Kissane, O. Carm., the Prior Provincial batted second. After "whiffing" the ball once he quickly re-gained his composure and hit the ball into the outfield for a single. Mike Kissane, O. Carm. would end the day with a 1000 batting average, and would receive the "best bat" award for the day. He got to base all three times he was up with clear drives to the outfield. Never a power hitter, he always seemed to get on base, even in the old days. Mike did



make two errors in the outfield. One obvious one was when he misjudged a hit by Juan Medina and the ball went sailing over his head in the outfield. The other was not his fault since there was interference by the tree in center field. Mike did make two sensational catches in center field and quickly was mentioned as a possible for the best player of the day award. Of course, the question of the day was who would get to take home the coveted "Commissioner's Trophy" - Juan Medina on behalf of his team or Mike Stec on behalf of his. There is no question that both wanted the coveted trophy (pictured in the upper right with Fr. Albert Pavlik and Mike Stec). After all, who would not want this beautiful piece of artwork depicting the Commissioner himself on the shelf above their fireplace in their living room. The judges gathered after the game and counted the runs that were batted in. They reviewed the sometimes pathetic performances of the players and had no other choice than to award the coveted trophy to the "Mighty Medinas". After all, they scored more runs and clearly outperformed the "Strong Steckers". Rumors began to fly that perhaps Mike Stec's coaching

ability has gone the way his playing went. After all, it was evident to all that Mike Stec's son outperformed him on the field. At the end of the day Juan Medina's wife was overheard saying "You're not putting that thing in our living room!" and that was that! Mike Stec would once again get to take home his coveted trophy until next year.

After the game the players and their families began to prepare for Mass in St Albert's Chapel.

For some, it had been years since they stepped foot in the chapel. As the Alumni entered the chapel, many were struck with memories of the old days and the hours spent in that chapel - morning prayer at 7:15, Angelus at noon, Mass at 4:00pm after a quick shower and evening prayer after dinner. Fr Albert Pavlik, O. Carm. was the celebrant with Deacon Tom Connolly assisting. Fr. Albert delivered an inspiring homily in which he mentioned the importance of friendships and the need to remain faithful to the gospel. Tim Weiler played the guitar for the Mass and Fred Schwartz led all in the singing of the songs. Fred is an experienced music director having spent many years directing the students at St. Albert's in music. The songs chosen were all from the old days and all sang with the same amount of gusto as they did when they were students. Thanks to Fr Albert for providing a special Mass and for the work he did in preparing his homily. All who were present left the chapel with a nostalgic feeling that will remain with them for years. Immediately after Mass, all processed over to



the Red Barn across the street. Michael Kissane had announced that the Barn would be re-dedicated after being restored this past year in memory of Fr Albert Daly, O. Carm. who died April 14, 2004. Fr Albert, who was headmaster of St Albert's for many years and lived in retirement there before he died always mentioned that the Barn was the only thing on the property that was older than he was. During his retirement years, he dreamed of the day he would see the barn restored and would be able to park his car inside. By the time the barn was restored Albert no longer drove. However, he was able to see the barn restored and knew that plans were under way to dedicate the barn in his honor. The plaque on the barn in his memory reads: "The Father Albert Daly, O. Carm. Memorial Red Barn, This historical Red Barn stands as a silent sentry to all things Carmelite - past and present and honors the memory of the late Rev. Albert Daly, O. Carm." Many of the Alumni who were present had fond memories of Fr Albert and were happy to see the barn dedicated in his memory. Tom Connolly as deacon and Albert Pavlik, O. Carm. did the official blessing of the barn after Michael Kissane, O. Carm. gave a brief introduction. Mike Kissane encouraged all to pause for a moment of silence to remember all the Alumni who have passed away. He also asked all to remember the deceased Carmelites like Fr Albert. He invited all to take a walk in the cemetery across the street and look through the names of those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. Finally, he reminded all that in the cemetery there is a memorial stone remembering all deceased Alumni who are prayed for each time the Carmelites celebrate Carmelite All Souls. All who attended were glad they came. It was announced that the Alumni picnic will be an annual event. We hope to encourage many more to come next year. For more photos visit www.carmelites.com, click on St. A's Alumni link, Picnic, Results.