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Dear Alumnus/Friend,

Stopping by to say "Hello" and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year with Gods Blessings always.

I'm sorry I did not get a fall letter out due to unforeseen circumstances it was impossible.

Ref: Alumni picnic in August. Although attendance was down this year, it was a great success. Those who did attend had a great time and lots of good food. We have so many people to thank, especially David MacMillan and wife Pat and Joyce Irizarry who did a great job again this year. Also we want to thank Debbie Moriarty wife of member Patrick who sent two delicious homemade cakes even though she could not attend this year. We want to thank Sister Peggy Scarano who shared the beautiful cake that Bob and Margaret Keane presented to her for her many years of dedicated service as a Dominican Nun. Thanks to Ditty who makes her delicious sausage bread each year that so many people enjoy. Thanks to Dave Feliciano who makes the DVD each year. It was great seeing Dot and Bill Meisenzahl at the picnic they came from Vermont, Aida and Bob Rosich came from Florida and Jerry and Dot Merna from Virginia. A group of men got a great baseball game together and boy can those Babcock brothers hit a ball. It was great to see a smile on Bob Rosich's face as he caught the fly ball out in the field. Because the attendance was down this year, possibly because of the price of gas or economy, Joe Stanaitis thought maybe it would be good to send out a survey (card enclosed) and it might help to bring a bigger crowd next August. Joe was kind enough to print the cards out.

I want to thank all of those who supported our Annual Raffle. Many of you sent dues and donations along with chance money, what a great group of members of ST. Agnes Alumni. So proud of you all! The winners of the raffle were as follows:

- 1st Prize: \$500.00 Henry Farmer, Virginia
- 2nd Prize: \$300.00 Frank Pastore, Rockaway Park, New York
- 3rd Prize: \$100.00 Ernest Silgevinck Sr., Louisa, Virginia
- 4th Prize: \$100.00 Frank Lyles, Bronx, New York

We had an extra raffle \$100.00 and that was won by Joan Roche, daughter of member Mario Roche. Congratulations to all.

"Here N Now" Received a note from Frank Bradicich along with picture; he was recently honored with a citation by the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and VFW Post 3457. He was also awarded a WW 11 medallion at a ceremony of the American Legion Post WFW at the Elks Lodge Green Ridge. We are so proud of you Frank, so deserving of the honor.

Short note from Fred Fabbri thanking us for the newsletter, he enjoys it so much and he is now 90 years old and has slowed down a bit. God bless and thanks for the note.

Walter Schroeder writes he enjoys the newsletter even though he doesn't know too many of the people, but did say the news of the death of Harold Norris hit him very hard they were very close friends from 1950-1953.

A note from Hedy Roberts wife of George Roberts who is now 89 years old and have been married 62 years. George was at St. Agnes 1925-1935 along with his brother Bill who was 3 years younger. Years ago they took a trip to St. Agnes; he wanted to show his family where he was brought up for 10 years.

John Antononci was so sorry he had to miss the picnic but was hospitalized at the time. He was recently hospitalized again with a heart condition; he is now home in Connecticut and taking it easy. He wants to thank all for their prayers.

Heard from Sister Mary Paris Fagan with her change of address, she informs us she was at St. Agnes 1954-1959 and again 1969-1972. She did a variety of things the most memorable was the band with Sister Barbara Paul and the choir with Sister Ann Catherine. Her second assignment taught 8th grade with Creighton Drury and continued with music. If she lived closer she would sure have attended the picnic, she continues to pray for all the "Boys" who made St. Agnes their home.

Note from Gloria Enriquez, widow of late member Mike who passed away 4 years ago. She wants us to know how much she appreciates the newsletter, her husband spoke so much of the convent and the years he spent there and the positive influence it had on his life. Glad you keep in touch.

Nice note from Jim Merna thanking us for 62 faithful years to St. Agnes Alumni and supporters, we appreciate that Jim.

A nice letter from Patrick Rooney along with picture calling card from his place of business. Pat got the date of the picnic mixed up and was a week early, sorry Pat. Pat informs us he and his wife Patricia opened up the Rooney House, 'Your home away from home', an assisted living home.

Their home features 3 rooms with 2 currently occupied, 729 Cedar Street licensed by the state. The private room which is located on the first floor of the home is handicapped accessible. The rooms include satellite TV and air conditioning and many other features including medical and dental visits. Any "Houses kid" would get 20% off the going price. Call Phone: 201-925-3235 or phone the Rooney House 201-791-7016 Fax 201-791-1899 located in Fairlawn, New Jersey.

Walter O'Rourke sent a generous check along with a note from a St. Agatha kid to the St. Agnes Alumni kids, "Good Wishes". He is now 91 years old.

Heard from Ted Mead out of Canada, he informs us he lives in Canada since his discharge from USAF in 1960. He spent 10 years in USAF since he had no family in the states. He was at St. Agnes from 1942-1949. Coach Faulk got him a job in Spring Valley plus a place to live. He was on the football and basketball teams; they were the only teams to beat Fort Lee, New Jersey. Ted met his wife Angela in Ohio while stationed there. He remembers when at St. Agnes he knew Ed Midler, Roland Jacobs, whitey Lobonshire, Steve Wellington and many more. He is the father of 7 children ages 36-54, 4 girls and 3 boys. He married a girl from Newfoundland in 1953 and still is very much in love, he has 18 grandchildren. After service he worked for an Aircraft Plant, been retired 14 years and is now 75 years old. He was back at St. Agnes in 1992 and met the late Sister Ann Catherine, had lunch with th~ nuns and visited the cemetery and knew a lot of the names buried there. He would love to hear from anyone who remembers him. His address is Ted Mead 82 Hearst Circle, Toronto Ontario, Canada M69 2V1. He can not attend the picnic because he is on dialysis 3 times per week.

Bob Millspaugh writes from Georgia how much he enjoys the newsletter and keeping up with old friends and thanks us so much. Glad to hear that Bob and stay well, he can't attend Picnic because of medical problems. He went to different doctors but doesn't seem to help, sorry to hear that Bob you are in our prayers. His children are scattered throughout the US, they are doing very well.

Letter from Joe Wiska says he enjoys the letter but can't relate to any of the names much. He can't understand why those who sent out St. Agnes information on the computer never put his pictures on the computer. Unfortunately Joe we do not have anything to do with that. It was good to hear from you.

Nice letter from Ann Barbara Ovale thanking us for the newsletter they appreciate it; we thank you so much for your change of address. So many

move and forget to send the change of address and have to get dropped from mailing list.

Phil Evans writes how much he enjoys reading the newsletter, he said it brings back so many memories of his childhood, he just turned 75. Thanks Phil and stay well.

A lovely note from Kelly and Patricia Ryan who write about their Aunt Florence Ryan with whom they had shared the newsletter. She entered St. Agatha's in 1925 with their father, William, who died in 1989. Florence died April 21\ 2008, age 89. Patricia and Kelly want to stay on the mailing list, the letter means so much. Our prayers and condolences are with you, thanks so much for your letter. Their father and aunt often attended the annual picnic.

John Panagakas writes he just turned 88; he left St. Agnes in 1937 and worked as a butcher all his life. He joined the Navy in 1942 and was in Guadalcanal in 1943, lost 23 men. John lives with his son now. He was such a help at the picnics years ago and we miss him. We pray you stay well John and thanks for writing.

Victor and Norma Araujo write how much they enjoy reading the newsletter, a great change from the junk on the radio and TV. Have to agree Victor, nice hearing from you.

A note from Jerry Merma informs us he heard from Father John William Larder after 65 years, they were both at St. Dominic's the same time. Father attended the picnic in August so they got to see each other once again. Father retired and is now living in Middletown, New York.

Rod Dayton writes he completed a tour bus trip cross country to Salt Lake City with a group of elders of the Mormon Church from New Zealand. It took them on the historic Mormon Trail to Palmyra, New York, Navarro, Illinois and across on the western trail to Denver and finally to Salt Lake City, Utah. It was quite an experience and the people wrote a nice letter to Academy the Company where I work.

Joyce and Rick Irizarry have moved to their new home in Naples, Florida. They will really be missed in the local area. Joyce had a knee replacement right before they moved and is recovering nicely. We wish them all the best and enjoy their new home in good health.

Ed Kelly, LTC retired writes from Slidell, Louisiana where he and wife moved after losing everything from Hurricane Katrina. He is 76 years old and in good health, married, 5 children and 10 grandchildren. He served 26 years in the USA and retired a LTC. In 1977 he founded his own Competitive Swim Team called "Hurricane Swim Club" and is ranked in the top 3 in Louisiana. They were in the middle of their championships in the

middle of August, which is why he could not attend the picnic. He writes he is certain what he is doing is a reflection of what he was taught at St. Agnes. The enjoyment of watching children grow up and learn through hard work and become a major contribution to our society can not be measured in dollars and cents. The enjoyment one sees when the smiles on their faces exhibit success. WO'N! One of the greatest thrills of his life was playing in a major league park an also visit the great Babe Ruth as he lay on his sick bed in the hospital. He thinks it was Father Figueroa who took him to New York.

RIP:

Radames, RIO	3/05/08
Ryan, Florence	4/27/08
Brunt, Maurice	7/31/08
Pascal, W alt	8/16/08
Orlando, Paul L	9/08/08
Scarlett, Anthony	9/08/08

May their soles rest in peace. Our Prayers and thoughts are with their families.

*Dues: Annual dues \$10.00 can be sent to St. Agnes Alumni at above address anytime.

Remember to always take the time to remember the troops who are serving our country, the sacrifices they and their families endure so there may be peace on earth.

Again we wish you and your families a great holiday season and stay well.

Till the next time, God Bless.

Art & Gloria

ATTENDANCE AT PICNIC

Years at St. Agnes

Babcock, Ken	
Babcock, Mike	
Babcock, Raymond	
Babcock" Robert	
Bell, William	1945-1954
Bradicich, Frank	1930-1941
Carroll, Joe	1938-1951
Casey, Bill	1948-1956
Cipolla, Gasper	1935-1938
Diaz, John	1949-1952
Dillon, Donald	1941-1944
Fabrizi, Paul	1937-1941
Feliciano, David	1948-1952
Flotard, Phil	
Garcia, Angel	1962-1970
Irizarry, Richard	1943-1953
Kaye, John	1945-1960
Keane, Bob	1936-1943
Kingsley, Art	1929-1941
Lawton, Peter	1940-1948
Lyles, Frank	1963-1970
Mac Millian, David	1951-1953
Mac Millian, John	?-1949
Masterson, Raymond	1949-1951
Meisenzahl, Bill	1941-1944
Merna, Gerald	1944-1946
Moriarty, Pat	1950-1954
Neville, Bernard	1953-1958
Rhatigan, John	1937-1944
Rhatigan, Mike	1937-1950
Roche, Mario	1951-1955
Rondon, Francis	1955-1963
Rondon, Thomas	1956-1959
Rosich, Robert	1944-1960
Schroder, Walter	1950-1953
Shea, Jim	1950-1954
Stanaitis, J.R.	1946-1955

Sisters:

Sr. Jeanne Deas	1957
Sr. Joanne Deas	1964-present
Sr. Francis Dryden	1948-1950
Sr. Marie Murphy	1948-1950
Sr. Peggy Scarano	-present