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Alma Mater

Forever true to thee our Alma Mater
Forever loyal to our flag and our God
Where'er we go, we'll always be an honor
Uphold thy fame and glory; do or die.
We lift our voice, in praise on high
Thy colors scarlet bright and gold
We'll e're defend
Through all our days
Thy name will lead us onward
Forever true to thee North Catholic High!

Hall of Fame Committee

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North Catholic High School Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony



October 4, 2009

1 p.m.

Shannopin Country Club

Ben Aron, PA

Invocation

Fr. Dan Whalen
Holy Spirit Parish

Master of Ceremonies
Frank Orga '64
NCHS President

Bro. Edward Spang, S.M. (Deceased)



Bro. Ed Spang was born in Dayton, OH, on Feb. 15, 1925 to Louis and Katherine Spang. After transferring from the University of Wisconsin, Bro. Spang graduated with a B.S. in Education in 1948 from the University of Dayton. Following graduation, he was the Head Basketball coach at Chaminade HS and helped his team set a school record with a 14-game winning streak. After Chaminade, Bro. Spang entered the Marianist Novitiate at Marcy, NY on September 4, 1951 and professed his first vows on August 15, 1956 in Dayton, OH. From 1953-1959, Bro. Spang served North Catholic as teacher and Athletic Director. After leaving NC, he was placed at St. Joseph High School where he served as Athletic Director until his untimely death on April 8, 1963. While Bro. Spang was traveling with the St. Joseph golf team, he was killed in an automobile accident, when a car driven by a teenager fleeing the police drove through a red light and crashed into his car.

Over 3,000 students attended his viewing and 1,000 attended the funeral mass and burial in Dayton, OH. During the pending criminal proceedings of the accident, Bro. Spang's parents traveled to Cleveland to request leniency of the young man responsible for the death of their son. They felt that their son devoted his entire life to the spiritual and educational development of young men and he would not want the young man's life to be ruined by placing him in prison. Defined as a "critical part of North Catholic's tradition", Bro. Spang spent his short life shaping and molding young men into mature and responsible adults.

Frank J. Sands- NC Crew



Frank, a life long believer of Catholic education, is a graduate of West Catholic HS in Philadelphia and received his B.A. in Political Science and History at Mercyhurst College. In 1972, Frank was a member of the Jr. Olympic Team and in 1976, he was awarded "Outstanding College Athlete". Frank was a four time National Champion (3 competing and 1 as a coach). Frank also became the youngest crew coach in Division 1 College History with his position at the University of Nebraska. Since 1990, Frank has served as the Head Rowing Coach at NC. During that time he has won several Midwest and City Championships and the school's first and only National Championship in 1994. What makes the records and championships that "Coach Sands" has helped the team achieve so unique, is that they compete against schools of all sizes. In 2006, a NC boat advanced to the finals of the High School Nationals for the 4th time in school history. They

finished 6th in the country in the Girls Lightweight 4 category. The other boats that advanced to the High School Nationals were: 1994-Boys Pair, 2nd Place, 1994-Girls Four, 1st Place and 1995 Girls Four, 4th Place. In his 19 years at NC, Frank has helped acquire over 50 Division I scholarships for members of the Crew team. In addition to NC, Frank is the Managing Partner of Roofing Supply Group, Inc. He helped NC save over \$60,000 in 2005 by providing roofing material at cost and working with the installing contractor to provide a new roof over the main school building. He and his wife Cindy are members of St. Teresa Parish. They have two children, Candice and Justin and one grandchild, Ava. Frank enjoys golf, the beach and his friends.

Robert D. German, Esq. Class of 1971



After graduating from North in 1971, Rob went on to graduate Magna Cum Laude from the University of Notre Dame in 1975. He received his J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law (Cum Laude) in 1978. In 1979, he received a Masters of Law in Taxation from New York University. Rob has been a lawyer with Sherrard, German & Kelly, P.C. since 1979 and currently serves as a member of the Executive Committee that manages the firm. Rob's area of practice includes corporate law, taxation and estate planning. Rob has previously served on the Mt. Lebanon Board of School Directors and as President of the Board in 1990 and 1994. He has also served terms as member and president on the Board of the Diocesan Purchasing Commission and the Superintendent Search Committee when Dr. Paserba was hired. In 2007, he joined the Board of Trustees at North Catholic. Rob has also served on the Board and as President of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, which raises funds on a worldwide basis to fund diabetes research to find a cure for the disease. From 1999-2006, Rob was a part of the International Board of Directors of JDRF (headquartered in NYC). Rob was the honoree of the 2006 JDRF Rainbow Gala held in Pittsburgh. The event raised \$1 million for diabetes research. Rob and his wife Anne live in Mt. Lebanon and have three children. Rob's oldest son, Christopher, is a 2004 Notre Dame graduate and received his PhD at the Mayo Clinic this year. His daughter Laura, is a 2006 Notre Dame graduate and received her Masters in Education from ND in 2008 and is currently teaching at St. Benedict the Moor in the Hill District. Rob's youngest, Ben, is currently a sophomore at Notre Dame. The German family are members of St. Winifred Parish.

Rev. Gabriel Smith—Class of 1959



After graduating from NC in 1959, Fr. Gabe found himself as a medic in Vietnam. During his second tour of duty, he was wounded in an ambush, and years later would receive the Purple Heart. He was honorably discharged from the Air Force after 8 years, 9 months and 11 days after retaining the ranks of Staff Sergeant. Still searching for his life's work, Fr. Gabe enrolled in St. Mary's University (a Marianist University) near San Antonio. After one year, he received a scholarship to attend Duquesne University. He went on to earn his Bachelor's Degree in Social Work and then continued his education at the University of Pittsburgh earning a certificate in Recreational Therapy. After school, Fr. Gabe wondered "how I could better serve my fellow man" and focused on a vocation as a diocesan priest. Fr. Gabe served 8 years at Holy Family Institute as a child-care worker-program director. He was accepted by the Diocese of Charleston and was ordained as a priest on December 12, 1982, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Continuing to "search for his life's work", Fr. Gabe was commissioned Officer in the Chaplains' Corps in the South Carolina Army National Guard. He retired in 2004 with 23 years of military service and rank of Major. He was the first ever Catholic Chaplain in the South Carolina National Guard and provided coverage for the entire state. He was mobilized twice as Army Reserve Chaplain, once at Guantanamo Naval Base for 9 months during the Haitian immigration crisis and the second at Fort Bragg, serving with the 18th Airborne Corps during the First Gulf War. Fr. Gabe has also served as Chaplain of Cadets at The Citadel. In 1991, he was assigned by the bishop to a large parish in Charleston with increased responsibilities. Since 1991, he has served St. Joseph Church as pastor, with no assistant or pastoral associate. In his 18 years at St. Joseph, Fr. Gabe with the help of St. Joseph parish has provided nearby Catholic elementary/middle school and high school students with tuition assistance. The church also sponsors a Boy Scout troop, and AA out-reach program, a Knights of Columbus Council, a chapter of St. Vincent de Paul Society as well as an active athletic program. In regard to Fr. Gabe's service and his parishioners at St. Joseph, "I feel that I have fulfilled my role and responsibilities as shepherd of my flock." Fr. Gabe, in addition to all of his other responsibilities and positions, serves as Police Chaplain to the Charleston Police Department. His main role is to counsel and provide assistance to members of the department and their families during times of tragedy. In 2007, while substituting for the Fire Department Chaplain, a large fire took the lives of 9 firefighters including a young man whose marriage Fr. Gabe officiated a year earlier. Since 1999, Fr. Gabe has served on the Institutional Review Board at the Medical University of South Carolina. In addition to the Purple Heart, Fr. Gabe has been awarded with Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal and Vietnam Service Medal. For the last 5 years, Fr. Gabe has been a participant in the North Catholic Class of 1959 50/50 Challenge, helping to raise over \$80,000 in scholarships for NC students. In his free time, Fr. Gabe officiates basketball, plays tennis, walks, travels, is a rabid Steeler fan, a "friend to anyone from Pittsburgh", amateur wood working, enjoys good restaurants and fine wine, his Maine Coon cat D.Q., a good cigar and reading.

Fr. David M. Long -Class of 1971



"For me, Catholicism and Catholic education are so totally a part of my life that I cannot imagine any other." Dave Long's "ministry in teaching" began right after his graduation from the University of Dayton in 1974. Starting at St. Ann's School in Millvale as a K-8 Health and Phys. Ed teacher, Dave stated that it was "an opportunity to simply start teaching". His "simple" start, gave way to 35 years of shaping and molding young children into respectful young adults. Today, Dave is a Religion and Phys. Ed teacher, Athletic Director and varsity basketball coach at Holy Spirit (formerly St. Ann's School). Coincidentally, Dave's coaching legacy at North began in 1975 as the Asst. Football Coach. That position would later develop into a spot on Don Graham's staff as his long-time assistant in the boys basketball program. In 1999, Dave would have his turn as the Head Coach, a position that he has held for the last decade. In 2007, his sons and nephews consisted of the starting five for the Trojans, a story so noteworthy CBS Evening News ran a piece on the family. This past year, Dave coached the Trojans to their first-ever WPIAL Championship and to a runner-up finish in the PIAA Championship. In 2009, he was named AP Class AA State of PA Coach of the Year. As his lifestyle evolved as a Catholic husband and then as the father of six children, teaching in a Catholic grade school and gave him the opportunity to teach his younger brother and sisters, and then his own children and numerous nieces and nephews. He saw a need for a male role model in the upper elementary classes and was able to influence young men and women to work hard and to think about those less fortunate, even among their own peers. Dave credits his mother's lessons for giving him the energy to have longevity in a tireless career. Dave states that he is "constantly reminded that his material sacrifices are not comparable to those of the Man on the cross." In addition to Dave's coaching and teaching, he finds time to run the "famous" Holy Spirit Fish Fry on Good Friday, serve as a Eucharistic Minister at Holy Spirit and be a loving husband to Chris, loving father to Dave, Jr. '98, Annie '00, Mary '01, Kelly '05, Michael '05 & Joe '09.