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Honoring the Class of 1961  
and all Classes ending in 1 and 6  
Sunday October 23, 2011

### Mass for Deceased Members

November 4, 2011  
St. Pius Church, Providence, RI  
12 Noon

## HOW TO CONTACT US

### Three Ways

- Contact a Class Representative
- Send Note to P.O. Box 20452  
Cranston, RI 02920
- E-mail through Web Site  
stxavialumnae.org

## THANK YOU TO:

All our dedicated Executive  
Board Members who voluntarily  
and freely give  
so gracefully  
their very precious time to the  
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# St. Xavier Alumnae News

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## HOMECOMING SUNDAY ! OCTOBER 23, 2011

Everyone please join us in honoring the 50th Reunion Class  
of 1961  
and  
all Classes ending in 1 and 6 !

*Fill out and return reservation form inside this Newsletter*

*Please join us for Noon Mass when each 1961 attendee will receive  
a beautiful Gold Rosary with a lovely 50th memento medal.*

*They will remember their deceased classmates with crowning of Mary - just like we used to do.*

*Luncheon follows Mass*

## CLASS REPRESENTATIVES FOR OCTOBER 23, 2011 HOMECOMING

*70th Reunion - Congratulations !!!*

1941 Miriam Sullivan Sloan 401 737 9199

### *65th Reunion*

1946 Mary Brennan 401 751 9081

### *60th Reunion*

1951 Ann Kelley Ryan 781 545 9167  
Gerry McGrath Coen 401 353 9585  
Patricia McGrane Murray 401 783 4184  
Jane Reidy Therrien 401 821 0194

### *55th Reunion*

1956 Betty O'Brien McGarry 401 942 7420  
Annmarie Powers Maciel 401 421 6639  
Elaine Sheridan 401 438 3393

### *50th Reunion !*

**1961** Mary Aquino-Dacey 401 828 2761  
Mary Dwyer Mayer 508 673 5696  
Mary Keefe Morgan 401 728 0279  
Carol Kerwick Shea 401 353 3047  
Barbara LeClerc Stockton 508 679 0753  
Eleanor Little, RSM 401 728 2863  
Carol Moffitt Maynard 401 263 1823  
Patricia Moore Dominique 401 941 3303

### *45th Reunion*

1966 Kathleen Brannon Perry 401 942 5790  
Marcia Layden 401 461 6022

### *40th Reunion*

1971 Christine Avella 401 658 4976

### *35th Reunion*

1976 Linda Gardiner Amaral 401 333 0222

*All other classes ~ Maureen O'Gorman ~ 401 465 2844*

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## RIP August 6, 2010 through August, 2011



Our prayerful sympathy to the friends and families  
of the following Alumnae  
whose deaths we note with sorrow.

### Class

1927 KATHLEEN KEOHANE KEANE  
1927 MARY RAYMOND PATTON RSM *nee Catherine Patton*  
1933 ANASTASIA HIGGINS  
1933 AGNES RATTIGAN GORMAN  
1935 MARY CUNNINGHAM  
1935 ANNA HANNON  
1936 MARGARET SIMMONS WENDOLOSKI  
1937 GERTRUDE JACQUES LAMBERT  
1938 MARGARET SULLIVAN COOMBS  
1938 HELEN MARIE MAHONEY RSM *formerly Sr. Esperance*  
1938 RUTH K. O'DONNELL  
1938 MARY FOTI LYNCH  
1939 ANNA MACDERMOTT CIURILA  
1939 MARY DEERY CUDDY  
1940 LILLIAN PRIEST MAZZA  
1940 CATHERINE LACY-GICHAN  
1940 CATHERINE MCQUEENY  
1940 MARY 'PEARL' PETIPAS RUSCETTI  
1940 GLADYS PATNAUDE MCCORMICK  
1940 GERTRUDE CARMODY COX  
1940 MARY L. DALEY  
1940 ANNA CURRAN GLYNN  
1940 MARY CONSILI REYNOLDS RSM *nee Mary Virginia*  
1940 MARY MORIARTY RSM *nee Mary Veronica*  
1940 MADELINE WOLD RIVA  
1941 GRACE FINN FIORE  
1941 JUDITH WARD, RSM *nee Frances Ward*  
1941 GEORGIANNA CONVERSE STOEHR  
1941 ELEANOR BLACKBURN LAGOR  
1941 RITA BELHUMEUR COUTURE  
1941 MARY GIRARD GERSHKOFF  
1942 STELLA HUGHES JULIAN  
1942 FRANCES DEMPSEY GUNNING  
1942 MARY DAILEY FRYE  
1943 ANGELA MANCINI SCELZA  
1943 LILLIAN GUILLOT LIZOTTE  
1944 MARILYN SULLIVAN MCCAFFREY  
1944 LUCIANA LAMBORGHINI GIUSTI  
1944 ELEANOR CROOK GUERIN  
1945 THERESA BELGARDE JACKSON  
1945 ADELAIDE BELLIOTTI GAUTIERI  
1945 EVELYN VANTA  
1945 LILA M. KEOUGH  
1946 ELDA PENNINE DAMIANI  
1946 JANE MOORE PLANTE  
1946 JANE CARMODY CROOKS  
1946 MARGARET RILEY LAFFEY  
1946 MARJORIE WILKINSON MUTTER  
1946 MARY CARR LEGACY  
1946 DOROTHY SULLIVAN KENNEDY  
1946 MARY BURNS, CP  
1946 VERONICA MCELROY DORSEY  
1946 ELIZABETH O'NEILL LENNON  
1946 NORMA VILLARI THURBER  
1947 NANCY SMITH O'DONNELL  
1947 EMILY MARANDOLO ROBERTI

### Class

1947 ANN 'NANCY' MORAN  
1947 RUTH MCLAUGHLIN MULLANEY  
1947 VIRGINIA DILLON LETOURNEAU  
1948 MARY O'LEARY CARR  
1948 ANN ORR PICCHIONE  
1949 LOUANNE MURPHY GAMBA  
1949 CLAIRE LEVEILLE RAMPANTHAL  
1949 ANNE DEVINE SHERLOCK  
1949 MARY CONNORS MAYNARD  
1949 MARY TONER CAMERON  
1949 DOROTHY GEMMA BANTI  
1949 DOROTHY CREIGHTON SALOME  
1949 MARION MCCABE CAPPuccio  
1949 MERCEDES KELLY KINGMAN  
1950 THERESA MCKENNA HAROLD  
1950 FRANCES CLARKE FERRETTI  
1950 VERONICA CAFFERTY DOLAN  
1951 MADELINE O'CONNELL  
1951 CORINNE RANKIN REBELLO  
1951 JOAN BAILEY RSM  
1952 MARY PIMENTAL SLADER  
1952 ELIZABETH QUARNSTROM SIMONINI  
1952 DOREEN BROADBENT CHADBOURNE  
1953 ROBERTA O'BRIEN ARCHAMBAULT  
1953 JOAN QUIRINI CONWAY  
1953 PATRICIA HINES DIPRETE  
1954 DORIS NOLIN BARIS  
1954 JOAN RICCI MCKENDALL  
1954 ALICE POMORANSKY MALO  
1954 ELLEN MADDEN WALSH  
1955 JOAN RAMSEY MURPHY  
1956 JOANNA 'NANCY' MURPHY COYNE  
1957 JOYCE LEONARD DOLAN  
1958 MAUREEN HOBSON PRIOR  
1958 ADELE SARITELLI  
1964 GERALDINE MACKIE SUMMERS  
1966 NANCY CUNNINGHAM MURPHY  
1967 SUSAN DENELLIO TARDIO  
1968 JANE THOMSON  
1968 NANCY MCGUIRL CARNEVALE  
1971 MAUREEN HEALY BARRETT  
1979 NANCY DROHAN  
JANE HENEBURY FRENCH  
MARY MAGUIRE KEENAN  
RITA FITZPATRICK GODING  
FILOMENA BUONAIUTO SAN ANTONIO  
DOROTHY GIOVINE KOCH

~ Rejoicing in the glorious light of  
God's Kingdom ~



**ALUMNAE CLASS NOTES AND NEWS/MEMORIES FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER**

Send this form and any details to Mary Aquino-Dacey, 1 Winterberry Dr. Coventry, RI 02816 or grace14@cox.net

Please Print !

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Maiden Last

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

New Address <input type="checkbox"/>	Promotion <input type="checkbox"/>	Retirement <input type="checkbox"/>
New Job <input type="checkbox"/>	Birth <input type="checkbox"/>	Honor <input type="checkbox"/>
Marriage <input type="checkbox"/>	Published <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>

Please use another piece of paper for details.



**HOMECOMING RESERVATION FORM - FOR SUNDAY OCTOBER 23, 2011**

Everyone is invited to **HOMECOMING SUNDAY Mass and Luncheon**

**DEADLINE**  
**FOR HOMECOMING**  
**RESERVATIONS**  
**OCTOBER 15, 2011**

**~ 12:00 NOON MASS AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH**  
**~ LUNCHEON IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MASS**  
**AT QUIDNESSETT COUNTRY CLUB**  
 (See directions on last page)

*Not attending?*  
*Please use this*  
*form for dues and*  
*scholarship donations.*

No dues for those lovely ladies who have reached their 70th Reunion !

**Please Print !**

\*Dinners for Religious Sisters of all Orders who graduated or taught at St. Xavier's are gratis.

First \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_  
Abbreviate order if a religious sister

Class \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Check Box if ABOVE is a CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please write in number of dinners **Fish** #  **Chicken** #  **Vegetarian** #

#  of RESERVATIONS @ \$35.00 EACH \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Through **October 2012 DUES** - \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE - we count on your DONATION** to the Scholarship Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **THANK YOU!**

*We are Nonprofit 501 c3 /Tax Deductible* **TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL Reservation form and make check payable (no cash) to: St. Xavier Alumnae Assoc, P.O. Box 20452, Cranston, RI 02920

**You can honor a cherished relative, classmate or friend with a Memorial or Tribute Scholarship.**

Please complete this form and make out

your check to St. Xavier Alumnae Association and send to P.O. Box 20452, Cranston, RI 02920

All donations are tax-deductible.

**Please Print !**

Memorial/Tribute Scholarships start at \$500.

**Amount enclosed:** \$500 \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City and State: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Memorial Scholarship for: \_\_\_\_\_ Tribute Scholarship for: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ My gift can be matched by my employer (Please let us know by calling Barbara at 401 864 4494)

**Your scholarships are so very much appreciated by Catholic High School Students and their families. Thank you! Thank you !**

## CLASS NOTES AND NICE NEWS

### Class of 1953

Our 60th Reunion is October 27, 2013 !  
We are recalling the wonderful time everyone had at the 50th reunion renewing old memories and friendships. Please contact Irene Armao Coletta at 401 521 1793 or ulisseandirene@cox.net for more information.

### Class of 1961

Yes! it really is our 50th Reunion. Please fill out and send in your check with Reservation Form in this newsletter asap for Sunday October 23rd Luncheon. See 1961 class representatives on Page 1 of this newsletter.  
Note: You can also contact Carol Kerwick Shea carolshea@yahoo.com for more information such as if you need a ride or anything else about our 50th reunion weekend.  
Please remember to give generously to the scholarship fund. All donations coming from 1961 classmates will be put towards a scholarship in memory of Joan Ann Cooney and Dorothy Ann Esposito.

### Class of 1962

Please contact Anne Marie Cole at 401 821 4750 or amcole1@mac.com if you are interested in helping to plan for the 50th Reunion weekend next year! Please remember in your prayers those who RIP from our class: Joan Crowley Pires, Claire D'Alessandro, Barbara DeCubellis, Jane Gallogly, Bridget Mailloux, Patricia McLaughlin, Elizabeth Paccasassi, Rita Paradise.

### Class of 1971

Please contact Chris Crudele Avella for general information at 401 658 4976 or chrisavella@cox.net.  
This year it's our 40th Reunion !

## CONGRATULATIONS !

To Maureen O'Gorman. She gave birth to beautiful Charlotte in January, 2011.

## THANK YOU !

A big thank you to Mr. Raymond Morin for the scholarship donation in memory of his beloved wife Dorothy Feeley Morin (May 6, 1920 - April 17, 2006) Class of 1938. This will make a big difference in the tuition bill of a worthy Catholic high school student.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

Note: Membership dues run from October, 2011 to October 2012. Even if you are not attending Homecoming on October 23, please use the Reservation form for your dues payment and scholarship donations.

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Up-to-date, dues-paying members may sponsor a child, grandchild, niece, nephew or foster child for an alumnae scholarship. Applications will be sent in March 2012 to all up-to-date, dues-paying members.  
Last October the Alumnae Association awarded \$17,000 in scholarships to 11 worthy Catholic high school students!

## Stories and Memories

**Maureen Sullivan Dolan, Class of 1961, wrote this editorial in a 1960 'Xavierette' in a regular column entitled:**

### 'Seek and you Shall Find'

"Roll call of the Class of 1961 confirmed the absence of one girl. Joan Cooney did not join her former classmates in the donning of their red bows. She had died last June 22 as a result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

"Echoes of squeaky oxfords, a girlish giggle, and sour trumpet notes still linger in the hearts of many Xavierites. Joan is more present to those who knew her than any other girl in the school.

"Joan had written a mental prayer last Christmas that contained some really beautiful thoughts. She pictured in her mind a cold, blustering winter's night. She was walking all alone in search of the Christ Child's stable. A light suddenly appeared far in the distance and she wondered if this were the Place. She was very, very tired; it seemed so far away from her.

*Trying to walk faster and faster,  
I finally arrive at the stable. I see Him.*

"Joan, a conscientious sodalist, realized that God loved her deeply. In her prayer she asked God for understanding of this love.

*Please help me to see the deep  
meaning of this love, so that my  
love may also deepen for You.*

"In view of later events, this mental prayer seems almost prophetic. The Holy Spirit inspired Joan to love God deeply: He was preparing her for the journey that she was to take home - her journey to Christ. Joan sought God and found Him."

***The Class of 1961 celebrates their 50th reunion this October and will give a \$2000 scholarship in memory of Joan Cooney and Dorothy Esposito. Dorothy also did not make it to the 1961 graduation from St. Xavier's. Dorothy died just six months after cancer claimed her body.***

### Mary Moran Schone - Class of 1951 lives in Washington, Illinois.

**Mary cannot make this year's 60th reunion but she has a story for you.**

I was a 3 lb preemie twin, but my sister lived only three days leaving me an only child. I went to St Pius grade school and then on to St. Xavier's, graduating in the Class of 1951. I dated a few nice gentlemen including Guy Lombardo's nephew who danced like Fred Astaire! I married the last guy I dated who had two left feet. I wouldn't trade him for the world. We had 7 children, 4 boys and 3 girls. And now we have 18 grandchildren and 3 great grandbabies with another on the way in March of 2012!

I've had most of my 'parts' removed or replaced, including two knees and both hips. Even though I fell this past May, dislocating my hip, three days later I still walked on the arm of my husband down the aisle to my grandson's wedding.

*To continue to be a viable organization we need the support of all alumnae. Please, can we count on you?*

## Stories and Memories

### (Mary Moran Shone's story continued)

My life is too busy to keep the hip in place by wearing a brace, but I'm not telling the doctors that. I keep both myself and hubby healthy. Recently I lost 100 lbs!! And there is no longer need for diabetic medicines.

Even though I retired from the 'Peoria Journal Star' in 1991, where I held many jobs over the years, I have not 'stopped' and continue doing and being there for my husband's, family's and church's needs.

I am unable to join my classmates for our 60th reunion this year. And although I have not traveled to the east in many years, God willing, I plan on attending Homecoming in October 2012.

### Helen Veronica Ryder, age 101 - her fondest wish was to receive a St. Xavier's Diploma !

Helen Veronica Ryder turned age 101 this past August. Just like most of us, she takes pleasure in telling stories about her life. Given her age she also has time to think about some things she 'wished' she could have accomplished but could not, due to circumstances of family needs or the culture of the era.

A fondest wish of Helen Veronica Ryder, was to receive a diploma from St. Xavier's Academy. Helen took the train from Central Falls to St. Xavier's each day. As she tells so often, when she was nearing her senior year, she had to quit school and go to work because of the economy which placed her in the Depression years. Although she worked and retired from Johnson and Johnson, she also bravely served her country both in WW II and the Korean War, receiving medals for those services. Due to the needs of a well-worn body, Helen resides in an assisted living facility, but she still has a sharp mind. Her nephew and family who visit her often love to listen to Helen's stories of how things were when she was growing up. These younger people find the comparison with today's fast pace and technology, along with food prices and salaries quite fascinating.

Helen Veronica Ryder continues to show those characteristics which were so elegantly developed at St. Xavier's Academy. She is a fine lady and even though there is no school, the St. Xavier Alumnae board ladies wasted no time granting one of her fondest wishes - to receive a diploma from St. Xavier's. The call was out to the board members to find an old diploma to replicate. Lo and behold Anne Marie Cole from the class of 1962 had hers not very far from hand. Using our computer tech skills, the diploma was redesigned just for Helen. Congratulations Helen upon receiving your *honoris causa* Diploma - a wish come true!

Now that's an S.X.A. story !

### Peggy Doherty - Class of 1970 lives in Portland, Oregon.

#### Peggy shares her appreciation for all the sisters who taught us.

St. Michael's in the 60's used the South Providence Boys Club for PE once a week. I remember I enjoyed this time and liked going there. I actually would do laps at the pool and practice my swimming strokes. One day I became alarmingly aware of two black shoes walking along the outside lane in which I was swimming. Each time I came up for air the shoes were there. I noticed Sister Agnese (now Sister Agnes) as I exited the pool. Fearful that I did something wrong, I braced myself as she was very strict. Then I heard her speak these words, "You know if you keep swimming and practicing like you did, you could be a very good swimmer." Wow, did I hear correctly?

During the rest of my life while lap swimming, I would think of Sister Agnese. I think I heard that she was an athlete when younger and had a keen eye for potential.

Now this story has two implications. The first is that I did not have the best of what we now refer to as self-esteem. The roots of this was an undiagnosed learning disability called Dyscalculia which I found out I had at the age of 32. I remember in second grade feeling that math flash cards were a complete mystery and I had no clue on how they worked. Of course this continued from third grade and all the way up to St. Xavier's where they gave up hope on my ever being able to do algebra. That placed me out of college preparatory and affected the rest of my life.

The other impact is an opposite of sorts. Title IX had not become law yet, so women's sports programs did not have equal standing with men's programs in funding or stature. Even though I had the desire and perhaps the ability to participate in sports, the infrastructure did not exist. Six years later when the Educational Amendment became law I had missed the opportunity in scholastic sports.

I was a young woman who received lots of negative feedback. But when given a morsel of a compliment from a tough critic, it stayed with me forever.

God Bless all of the Sisters who gave their lives to teaching!

I went on to graduate college at the age of 32 and had a career in Workforce Training & Development where I worked with corporations in the Portland Community College district. It was a slow rise with challenges, but I did rise to my potential, which was always the dear sisters' wish for me.

***Peggy says that you meet St. Xavier graduates all over the planet. In September 2008 Peggy traveled to Ireland to visit relatives. While entering a B&B one morning she heard her daughter remarking to two Sisters of Mercy, 'My mom graduated from St. Xavier's in Providence, RI.' One of the sisters was in the same SXA class as an old friend of Peggy's.***

***Now that's another SXA story.....***



**SXA HOMECOMING**

**GENERAL DIRECTIONS**

*St. Francis of Assisi Church 596 Jefferson Blvd. Warwick RI 02886*


95 South to Exit 15, turn left onto Jefferson Blvd. The Church will be on the left.  
95 North to Exit 15, turn right onto Jefferson Blvd. The Church will be on the left.

- Once on Jefferson Blvd - Travel 1.7 miles going through 4 traffic lights
- You will go by Citizens Bank on the left (#480)
- Slow down at #560 - RI Higher Education Authority Bldg.
- ST. FRANCIS is 596 Jefferson Blvd. on the left (you will see the yellow Parish Center and a sign for the Church). The Church is behind the Parish Center.

**QUIDNESSETT COUNTRY CLUB NORTH QUIDNESSETT ROAD North Kingstown RI - Tel: 884-9755**

**POINTS NORTH:** 95 South to Exit 9 (Rt. 4) take 1st exit which is Division St. Turn right at end of exit onto Rt. 401 East, continue to US 1-Main St (East Greenwich). At traffic light turn right and after ½ mile turn left at set of lights onto Forge Road. Bear right onto Old Forge Road (you will see Chianti Restaurant ahead of you). Go to the end of Old Forge Road and take a left onto N. Quidnessett Road, ending at Country Club on left side of road.

**POINTS SOUTH:** 95 North to Exit 8A to Route 2. At 1<sup>st</sup> set of traffic lights take a left onto Route 401 East. Follow to Route US 1 - Main St. (East Greenwich). At traffic light turn right and after ½ mile turn left at set of lights onto Forge Road. Bear right onto Old Forge Road (you will see Chianti Restaurant ahead of you). Go to the end of Old Forge Road and take a left onto N. Quidnessett Road, ending at Country Club on left side of road.



*Find out how much God has given you and take from it what you need; the remainder is needed by others.  
- St. Augustine*