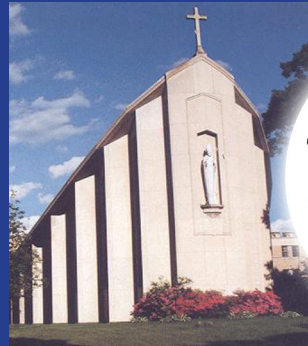


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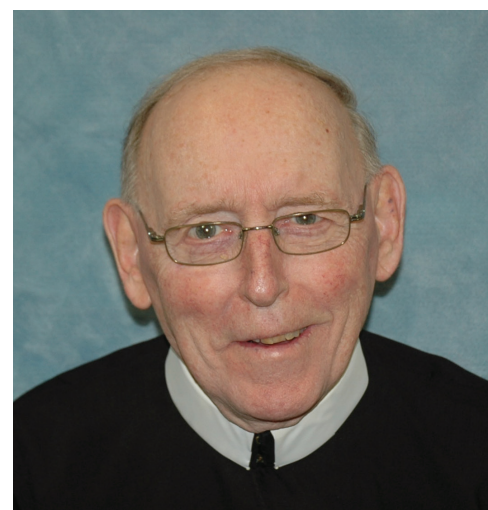
Happy memories of Larry Lover

Larry Lover, director of students in North East (1961–69), died December 6 at Stella Maris Nursing facility in Timonium, Md. He was a devoted Redemptorist, willing to do anything for the confreres. I sat next to him in Timonium for a year, and he was always a pleasure, a steady, faithful, gentlemanly priest. I never heard a word of complaint from him, and he always spoke well of the confreres. That is the 11th commandment for Redemptorists: “Never speak ill of a confrere.”

On Star days in Timonium, we had a drink with our lunch. I would always throw a toast at Larry and thank him for not throwing me out of North East. He would laugh and smile.

Father Jerry Knapp, our new Provincial Vicar, preached for an earlier Provincial Vicar at Larry Lover's Mass of the Resurrection. He began by describing Larry patrolling the study hall, or the dormitory or the lavi, his rosary chinking as he walked the aisles. He wasn't just looking for someone sneaking candy; he was protecting us. When he arrived in North East, he was 35 years old, and he never seemed to change over the past 55 years.

If you have pleasant memories of him as a teenager, we have those same pleasant memories of Larry as a Redemptorist confrere. After his time in North East, he became rector and pastor in Ilchester (1969–75), Our Lady of Fatima (1975–81), and



St. Michael (1983–84). From 1984 to 1993 he was the provincial vicar to Archbishop Ed Gilbert when he was our Provincial.

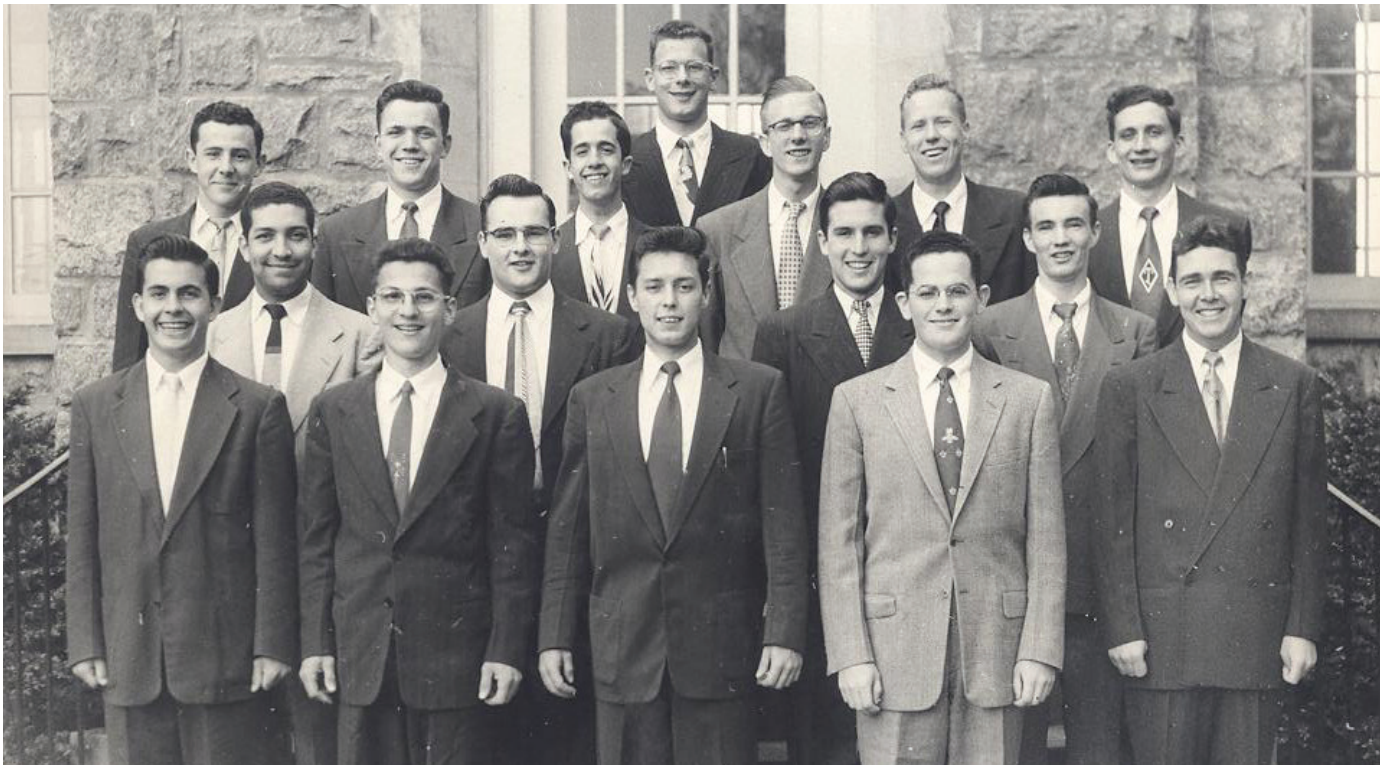
Whenever we gathered in West End for chapters or convocations, we would always end with a nice dinner and then some singing. We could always count on Larry for his standby, “There's a hole in the bottom of the sea.” Larry was always a good sport when we asked him to sing.

Father Kev Moley, our Provincial, spoke of his thoroughness as canonical adviser to the Provincial at a difficult time.

At the wake and the Mass for Larry were many confreres as well as our alumni: Kevin Moley, '62, C.Ss.R.; Joe Tizio, '67, C.Ss.R.; Charlie McDonald, '64, C.Ss.R.; John McKenna, '69, C.Ss.R.; John Gauci, '53,



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Graduating class of 1954

Top row: Jim Keaveney (married in Virginia), Jim Geiger (stationed at St. James Church in Concord, N.C.), Russ Piedra (still very active at OLP, Brooklyn; Russ also runs the John Neumann Immigration center), Dick Fiorini (deceased in Brazil), Bill Gaffney (still preaching missions), Harry Ganley, and Ted Heyburn

(died at Stella Maris in 2010)

Middle row: Cruz de Jesus (jumped two classes at Esopus and was ordained in the class of Al Amador and Mike Rodriguez, the first Puerto Rican Redemptorists from the Baltimore Province), Andy Comeau (deceased), Harry James, and Butch Furey (still active at

Mission Church in Boston; Butch spent many years in the Dominican Republic).

Front row: Tom Slymon (married in Chicago), Joe Gillitzer, Ed Jozwiak, Gerry Dougherty, and Tom Gavigan (deceased in 2005; Vice-Provincial in Puerto Rico, 1981–84, and their first Provincial, 1984–90). ■

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C.Ss.R.; Ruskin Piedra, '58, C.Ss.R.; Frank O'Rourke, '56, C.Ss.R.; Dan Dwyer, '63; Steve Zissler, '69; John Brolly, '66; Paul Akins, '65; and Marty Murphy, '66.

The Saturday when Father Larry was dying, Jim Seeberger, '70, was visiting Father Art Wendel. Jim lives close by in Parkville, Md. He saw Larry's family surrounding him with love and

prayer. After Larry passed, Jim and Father Wendel went to Larry's room to say a prayer.

A few months earlier a group of alumni had gone to Timonium to visit. They were Dan Breen, '69, and Steve Zissler; Ralph Nofi, Arthur Fairthorne, and Jim Seeberger, '70; and Rick Morrocco, '71. Jim had brought as a little joke a beer bottle with a note inside that had the last line of Larry's song: "Inside was a piece

of paper, with these words written on: "Whoever finds this bottle finds the beer all gone." Larry loved it and laughed.

Larry was always neat and did not have many things in his room, but the beer bottle and a great picture of him with Jim, Danny, Steve, Ralph, Arthur, and Rick was there on his desk! Jim was touched that this was one of the few things in the room where Larry went home to God. ■

The Campo Grande Province

From our earliest days in North East, we heard about the foreign missions in Puerto Rico, but the Redemptorists sent hundreds of priests to the two Brazilian states of Mato Grosso do Sul and Paranaguá, what is now the Province of Campo Grande.

Father Joachim Parron is the Provincial of the Campo Grande Province. Here Joachim stands before a portrait of one of his predecessors, Father Joseph May, '44. Joe May was vice provincial in Brazil from 1975 to 1981 after serving as director in the minor seminary in Ponta Grossa. He was also rector in Campo Grande (1970–74). The parish in Campo Grande built a very modern conference center and named it The Father Joe May Conference Center.

The Province of Campo Grande is very grateful to the Baltimore Province, and the confreres always remember the members of the province for their generosity over the years.

The Province of Campo Grande now has 60 priests and four brothers. The province has six seminarians in theology and 22 in college. They started a new program for vocations five years ago, and now they have very good candidates. They have just had one ordination this year, and they will have two next year.

They have 10 parishes: Curitiba, Guaratuba, two in Londrina, Ponta Porã, Aquidauana, two in Campo Grande, Paranaguá, and Newark, N.J.

Their major work is preaching parish missions. They are much



influenced by St. John Neumann and his zeal for the immigrant and the abandoned. They have a missions team of three men.

Campo Grande has sadly lost some young priests in the province, but they are now rebuilding and look forward to the future. The province has focused on youth ministry as a youth mission, and that has been a blessing in many ways. Three or four young men ask to become Redemptorists after these youth missions.

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help is growing, with 17 services in both Curitiba

and Campo Grande. About 30,000 come for the novena every Wednesday in Curitiba, and 20,000 attend the novena in Campo Grande. The first service is at 6 a.m. and the last is at 11 p.m. They are especially grateful to Father Ray McCarthy, still going strong in New York, Father Vin Crotty, who died in 2012, and Father Jim Lundy, who died April 26, 2014. These priests firmly established the novena in Curitiba and Campo Grande.

Find out more about the Province of Campo Grande at redentoristas.org.br. ■

A message from the new Provincial

Dear fellow alumni:

If you had asked me when I graduated from St. Mary's in 1978 where my life would take me, I doubt if I could ever have imagined the road my faith journey has taken. From parish priest to philosophy studies in Leuven, Belgium, to now being elected the Provincial Superior—the only thing I know for sure is that those first days in the St. Mary's Chapel certainly helped prepare me for this journey.

I pray your own journey through life has been blessed by memories of those formative years. As I begin to serve the Baltimore Province, I humbly ask you to keep Jerry Knapp, Matt Allman, and me in your prayers. Be assured of my prayers for all the alumni and your families.

—*Peace and prayers,*
Father Paul Borowski, C.Ss.R., '78



Here our new provincial stands (right) with Father George Collins, recently ordained a Jesuit priest.

My favorite professor

My favorite professor—I had two: Hank Sattler, first academic Latin, and Andy Skeabeck, who taught history. Both were great pedagogues and got me interested in the subject.

It's so hard to pick out great moments. The marble tournaments, the phantom football contest every year. Trips to Lake Erie every June and beans and hot dogs there, plays, musicals, class games, handball tournaments. The drama of Holy Week with the Ten-ebrae services and the candles and the

spooky darkness and the chants . . . the Lamentations. Easter Sunday which took place on Saturday when Lent ended. Hey, this was before Vatican II.

Bells ringing, the dropping of the cloth revealing the Risen Christ and the covering of the tomb. Easter-week vacation, when we could roam all over the place. The planting of the class tree, graduations, the sorrow of seeing a class leave every year around Memorial Day, the joy of seeing a new class arriving every Labor Day. Boxes

from home with every imaginable candy, cookie, and delightful sweet. The announcement every year of the date we would board the train and be home for Christmas with our family as well as the announcement of the date we would board the train for summer vacation with our families.

I could go on and on, John, but I'm sure you get the idea. Those six years were precious in my life and had a lot to do with who I am, how I live, and what I believe. —*Tom Slymon, '54*

Class of '65 plans reunion in Brooklyn

The class of '65 is planning a little reunion at OLPH in Brooklyn for the weekend of September 4 through 7, 2015, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their graduation from St. Mary's, North East. We have rooms reserved at the Hotel Gregory, about 20 blocks from OLPH.

The reunion will involve dinner, one of the regular Sunday Masses at OLPH, maybe a little Jeopardy from John Brolly, '66 (another wannabe '65), a tour around

Brooklyn, and dinner and theater for those so inclined.

Join us: everyone is invited. The reunion is certainly not limited to the class of '65. Come and enjoy a long weekend in New York. Go to a Broadway play. Organize a dinner for your class. Visit Coney Island or the Barclay Center. Brooklyn is the "hot spot" in New York City now.

For more information, e-mail me at murraycssr@gmail.com. —*John Murray, '65*