

Four New Members Elected to the STJ Hall of Honor

Four new members have been elected for induction into the St. Joseph High School Hall of Honor. The four are the members of the Society of Mary, Thomas M. O'Connor '39, Sister Alberta Novosad, IWBS, and Deacon Arthur R. Wearden '44.

The STJ Hall of Honor was created in 2016 to honor and celebrate members of STJ's past and present school community who have distinguished themselves through dedicated leadership and exceptional service toward St. Joseph High School and their individual communities.

The new members of the Hall of Honor will be formally inducted at the bi-annual Night of Honor and STJ 150th Anniversary Celebration dinner on Saturday, November 17, 2018.

This year's inductees bring the total members of the Hall of Honor to 12. Others already inducted include: Judge Joseph Patrick Kelly '57, Joseph J. Morris '55, Dennis O'Connor '24 (Posthumous), Tom O'Connor, Jr. (Posthumous), David Pozzi '61, Steve Tibiletti '58, Leo J. Welder '41 (Posthumous), and Roger Welder '76. For more information about the STJ's 150th Anniversary Celebration and Night of honor visit www.stjvictoria.com.

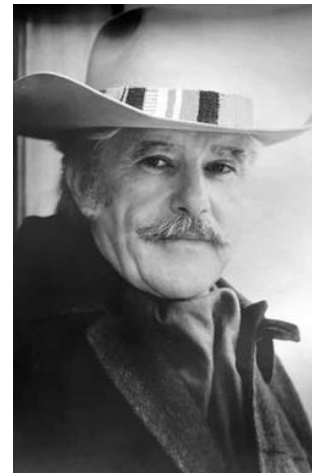
Members of the Society of Mary

The Society of Mary is an international Roman Catholic religious congregation of brothers and priests. The Brothers of Mary were contracted to re-open and staff St. Joseph's School in 1906. Bro. John Garvin, S.M. and two other Marianists opened the school on September 4, 1906 with an enrollment of 43 students. The Brothers continued to operate St. Joseph's until May 1970. Many Marianist brothers and priests worked at STJ during the span of years they were charged with running the school. Fr. Clement Otting was chaplain for 23 years. Bro. John Kurtz was the last Marianist principal and returned in the late 70's to serve as assistant principal. The many years of service provided by so many members of the Society of Mary is not forgotten and is greatly appreciated.



Thomas Marion O'Connor '39 - Posthumous

Thomas Marion O'Connor is a 1939 graduate of St. Joseph High School. He was a member of the 1938 State Champion six-man football team. O'Connor was a member of the St. Joseph High School Board of Directors for a number of years. As president of the Board, he was instrumental in the school's transition in the 1970s when it changed from being operated by the Marianists to the Sisters of Incarnate Word Blessed Sacrament, and getting STJ established as a co-ed high school. His interest and support of St. Joseph continued the rest of his life. O'Connor practiced being a good steward of the land and passed on his values to his children and grandchildren. He



was a devout Catholic and a proponent of his faith. He served in the United States Army Air Corp during World War II. Throughout his life he was a member of various boards in agriculture, banking and education.

Sister M. Alberta Novosad, IWBS

Sister Alberta Novosad is a member of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament and has committed her life's work to education. She taught many St. Joseph High School graduates when they were in the first grade at Nazareth Academy. She became principal of St. Joseph's in 1970 and worked extremely hard to make the school's transition to a co-ed high school work. It is said by many that she saved St. Joseph from being closed, by her dedication and insight into the needs of the school and students. Sister Alberta was St. Joseph's principal from 1970 to 1977 and again 1980 to 1985. Her dedication and hard work on behalf of the students of STJ is greatly appreciated and meaningful to generations of alumni who have been a part of the school.



Deacon Arthur R. Wearden '44 - Posthumous

Deacon Arthur R. Wearden is a 1944 graduate of St. Joseph High School. He completed his education at the University of Dayton with a bachelor's of education degree and was master's prepared in social work at the Worden School of Social Work in San Antonio. He served in the Air Force during the Korean War and was a 4th Degree in the Knights of Columbus Council 1329, a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and an associate of the Incarnate Word Convent. He served on the STJ Board of Directors for many years including serving as president of the Board. Mr. Wearden was also a deacon at St. Mary's Parish and worked for the State of Texas as a supervisor for Child Protective Services and as the business manager for the Diocese of Victoria. His family is a great example of a family that has supported the STJ for generations. In 1937, his father Arthur Wearden was a member of the Board of the Directors that oversaw the construction of STJ's building that is now known as O'Connor Hall. Wearden and his wife Theresa Wearden, sent all three of their children to St. Joseph High School an Nazareth Academy; Dr. Mary E. Wearden, NA '75, Debra Wearden Hampton '77, and James Wearden '82.

