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18th Annual Alumni Reunion
& Immaculata Dinner

Celebrating the
50th & 25th
Anniversary Classes (1966 & 1991)
& Honoring Alums

Msgr. John Delendick, ‘68, Frank Palombo, ‘73
& Msgr. Robert Romano, ‘68

Saturday, May 14, 2016 5:00 p.m.
Best Wishes

to the

Distinguished Class

of

1966

From,

Dr. Pacifico, '66 and Family
Brother Alumni and Friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to our Alumni Reunion Dinner. As we gather for this annual event to relive fond memories and rekindle friendships, we are filled with gratitude for the years, experience, and blessing that is Cathedral.

Honoring all alumni this night, we give special recognition to those celebrating their 50th and 25th anniversaries. We also highlight the accomplishments and service of three of our esteemed alums who will receive our highest honor, the Immaculata Award: Msgr. John Delendick, `68, Msgr. Robert Romano, `68, and posthumously Frank Palombo, `73. Their selfless giving and dedicated service to the Catholic community and beyond make them worthy of being counted among our Men of Greatness.

May this night of celebration and remembrance invigorate the spirits in each of us, fellow alums and friends alike, with a renewed desire to be like our honorees - servants of faith, hope, and love.

Your brother in Christ,

Very Reverend Joseph G. Fonti, `84
Rector President
Monsignor John Delendick attended Queens Cathedral from 1964-
1968. After he graduated from the Prep he continued his studies for the priesthood at both Cathedral College (Douglaston) and the Immaculate Conception Seminary (Huntington). He was ordained a priest on February 12, 1977. Msgr. Delendick served as a parish priest at St. Catherine of Genoa (East Flatbush) and Good Shepherd (Marine Park). He served as pastor of St. Michael/St. Edward (Fort Green), St. Agnes (Carroll Gardens), St. Michael’s (Sunset Park), and presently St. Jude Shrine Church (Canarsie).

On May 15, 1996, Msgr. Delendick was appointed an FDNY Chaplain. On September 11th, Msgr. Delendick arrived at the World Trade Center soon after the second plane struck. He spent many hours over the next eight months bringing families to the Trade Center site, officiating at memorial and funeral services, being present at the beginning of each support group, and consoling the families and friends of the 343 firefighters who died on that tragic day.
Frank Palombo was born in Brooklyn on March 14, 1955. A graduate of Brooklyn Cathedral’s Class of 1973, Frank joined the ranks of the FDNY in 1979. Three years later after joining the FDNY, he married Jean Marie Courtien, the sister of Brooklyn Cathedral graduates Raymond, ’72, and Michael, ’75.

During his years at Cathedral, Frank realized that God was not calling him to a priestly vocation, but to the vocation of marriage and fatherhood. Frank and Jean Marie had 10 children: Anthony, Frank, Joseph, Maria, Thomas, John, Patrick, Daniel, Stephen, and Margaret Mary.

On September 11th, Frank made the ultimate sacrifice with 342 of his FDNY brothers. His legacy as a devoted husband and father, as a discerner of a priestly vocation, and as one of New York’s bravest continues to live on in his children. His son Anthony graduated Cathedral in 2004 and is presently discerning a vocation to the priesthood, and his son Thomas recently was sworn in as a member of New York’s Bravest.
Monsignor Robert J. Romano

Monsignor Robert J. Romano graduated Brooklyn Cathedral in 1968. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Brooklyn on May 28, 1977. He currently serves as the pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dyker Heights). In March 2007, Pope Benedict XVI appointed him a Chaplain to His Holiness with the title of Monsignor.

On October 13, 1998 Monsignor Romano was appointed a Chaplain to the NYPD. Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly promoted him to Deputy Chief Chaplain. This was the first time in the history of the department that this title was given to a Chaplain.

While performing his priestly duties at a funeral on the morning of 9-11, Monsignor was notified of the terrorist attacks. Immediately following his care of that grieving family, he assumed his post as a priest-caregiver to all those suffering at Ground Zero, especially from the NYPD family. Throughout the months that followed 9-11, he faithfully gave his priestly service as a counselor, Chaplain, and companion to all mourning and struggling from the tragic events.
Our Mission

Founded as a preparatory high school, in 1914, Cathedral is also a seminary; a place where boys could be comfortable discerning a vocation to the diocesan priesthood at a young age. For over 100 years Cathedral has stayed faithful to its mission: to form the mind in the ways of academic excellence and the heart and soul in the ways of heroic virtue and belief.

Our School

Proud to call over 4700 men graduates, the program at Cathedral continues to offer the young men of Kings and Queens counties as well as from the outlying areas, a personalized, superior education in an environment where growth in maturity and grace are encouraged and fostered. Keenly aware that both the Church and society need strong, dedicated leaders, Cathedral is determined to stay faithful to forming men as gifted thinkers and as generous servants. Whether our graduates don the vestments of pastoral service as priests ordeacons or devote themselves to caring for an individual family, a young man who experiences the Cathedral spirit will be ready and willing to be a man for greatness.
Past Immaculata Honorees

1999
Cardinal Anthony Bevilaqua, ‘43
William Flynn, ‘45

2000
Bishop John McGann, ‘44
Gregory Ronan, ‘67

2001
Msgr. Thomas Brady, ‘53
Edward Wilkinson, ‘65HS

2002
Bishop John Snyder, ‘45
Hugh Mulligan, ‘44

2003
Msgr. Vincent Keane, ‘52
Raymond Ferrara, ‘68

2004
Msgr. Philip Reilly, ‘54
Raymond Coutien, ‘72

2005
Msgr. Eugene Feldhaus, ‘40
Timothy Reynolds, ‘73

2006
Msgr. John Bracken, ‘61
Richard Lata, ‘71

2007
Msgr. John Casey, ‘48
Joseph Pfeifer, ‘74

2008
Msgr. Richard E. Marchese, ‘65
Dr. Francesco Cesareo, ‘77

2009
Rev. Joseph Cunningham, ‘57
John Lorenzaetti, ‘65HS

2010
Bishop Ignatius Catanello, ‘60
Dr. Vincent Fortanasce, ‘63

2011
Msgr. George Deas, ‘45
Larry Loesch, ‘67

2012
Msgr. John Maksymowicz, ‘65
Stephn Somers, ‘78

2013
Bishop Raymond Chappetto, ‘65
Bishop Paul Sanchez, ‘65
John Casey, ‘57

2014
Msgr. Michael Hardiman, ‘69
Dr. Thomas Chadzutko, ‘73

2015
Past and Present
Rectors & Faculty Members
100th Anniversary
CONGRATULATIONS

Monsignor
John Delendick

From your Classmates

William T. Driscoll

Robert Stallone

John Doyle
F.D.N.Y.

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Ladder Co. 105

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Firefighter Frank Palombo L-105

Thank you for teaching us, leading us and keeping us safe.
Your selflessness and bravery will always be remembered.

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Msgr. John Delendick
Msgr. Robert Romano

We thank you for your service to the community and we are very grateful for your continued dedication to the NYC Police & Fire Departments.

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A LIFETIME OF SERVICE

AD MULTOS ANNOS

RONALD G. RUSSO, ESQ. AND DIANE R. RUSSO
CLASS OF 1966
To my dear friend Monsignor John,

You are, and have been an inspiration to me my friend. And to so many. Your service to others continues to motivate each and every person you meet and clearly God has called you to spread this message of joy and service.

It was no accident that Jon Vigiano and I would meet and become friends in 2003 and that, through him and our mutual pals at the FDNY, I would meet you. I have been so blessed with the good fortune of befriending all of you. And I know that, through Mr Vig, my meeting you, Danny, Mike, Tree, John P, Bobby, Buddy, all people I consider to be the dearest of friends, and so many others who are a part of the “Bravest”, was a part of what John V said post 9/11.

That “more good came from that tragedy than evil.”

One of my favorite moments together was at the Brooklyn Wall of Remembrance. You and our pals of the FDNY surprised me that day by dedicating the first LT Dan Van to the Fire Family Transport. A very special photo was captured at the moment that you blessed the van and I had the great pleasure of sharing that moment with my daughter Sophie. The photo is in my office in a special place.

You have also taken the time over the years to talk to me privately about our Catholic faith, and you and our pals definitely played a role in my eventual confirmation in 2010. I thank you for that.

And I thank you for your friendship, for your council, for your service to God and to the people of the city you love, and to our country.

Congratulations on receiving the Immaculata Award. So well deserved.

It’s an honor to call you, as Danny says, “A Pal O’ Mine”.

God bless you sir,

Your pal,

Gary
CONGRATULATIONS TO MONSIGNOR ROMANO
(aka the FIFTH McGRANN BROTHER)
FROM YOUR SIBLINGS:

JOHN McGRANN ‘72B
JOE McGRANN ‘74B
MIKE McGRANN ‘75B
TOM McGRANN -- St. AUGUSTINE ‘68
(BUT A BROOKLYN CATHEDRAL WANNABE)

AND REST IN PEACE, FRANK PALUMBO, OUR SCHOOL MATE AND FRIEND.
Cathedral Preparatory School and Seminary

Congratulations and thank you for your service to the Church and City!

Monsignor Delendick
Monsignor Romano
Fireman Frank Palombo

From

Father Marc Swartvagher, `86
Our Lady of Grace Parish
11005 159th Avenue
Howard Beach, New York 11414
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE HONOREES AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR dedication and service

A special thank you to

Monsignor Delendick

For always being there for us in both our Good times and our sad times

The Coleman Family
FHA congratulates the 2016 Honorees

Msgr. Robert Romano
Frank Palombo
Msgr. John Delendick

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Congratulations to
Msgr. John Delendick
(Class of 1968 Queens)

And

Msgr. Robert Romano
(Class of 1968 Brooklyn)

On receiving the
Immaculata Award 2016

Very Rev. Richard J. Ahlemeyer
CONGRATULATIONS

MONSIGNOR ROBERT J. ROMANO
AND
MONSIGNOR JOHN DELENDICK

OUR FRIENDS AND CLASSMATES
ON BEING RECOGNIZED BY THEIR PEERS AND FRIENDS WITH
THE HONOR OF THE

“IMMACULATA AWARD”

OUR PRAYERS TO THE PALOMBO FAMILY AS WE RECOGNIZE
FRANK PALOMBO
FOR HIS LIFE EFFORTS AND FOR RISKING ALL AS A NEW YORK
CITY FIREMAN.

From

Reverend Philip J. Pizzo and Lawrence Loesch ‘67
Congratulations to the 3 Honorees of the 2016 Immaculata Award

A Salute to Service

Monsignor John Delendick
Class of 1968, serves as the FDNY Chaplain.

Monsignor Robert Romano
Class of 1968, serves as the NYPD Chaplain.

and our brother-in-law

Frank Palombo,
Class of 1973,
Served and passed away during
the tragic event of 9/11.
FDNY Ladder 105

Raymond & Mary Courtien
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE IMMACULATA AWARD RECIPIANTS

Msgr. Robert Romano, ‘68
Msgr. John Delendick, ‘68
And Posthumously,
Firefighter Frank Palombo, ‘73

AND IN CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLASS OF ‘66

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Salute

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2016 IMMACULATA AWARD RECIPIENTS
Our Pastor
Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Romano ‘B68
Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
Deputy Chief Chaplain-New York City Police Department

and his classmate
Reverend Monsignor John E. Delendick ‘Q68
Pastor of the Shrine Church of Saint Jude
Chaplain-Fire Department City of New York

We also Honor the Memory of
Firefighter Frank Palombo ‘B73

and all those who perished on September 11, 2001 and subsequently.
+ May They Rest In Peace +

GOD BLESS AMERICA
Congratulations to

Msgr. John Delendick
posthumously Frank Palombo
Msgr. Robert Romano

Mr. & Mrs. William J. Flynn
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
IMMACULATA AWARD HONOREES

REV. MSGR. JOHN DELENDICK, ‘68
FRANK PALOMBO, ‘73 POSTHUMEROUSLY
REV. MSGR. ROBERT ROMANO, ‘68

AND

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CLASS OF 1966
&
THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY CLASS OF 1991

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PROUD TO CALL
OVER 4,700 MEN GRADUATES
Police Officer’s Prayer

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,
DEFEND US IN BATTLE.

BE OUR DEFENSE AGAINST THE
WICKEDNESS AND SNARES OF THE DEVIL.

MAY GOD REBUKE HIM, WE HUMBLY PRAY,
AND DO THOU,

O PRINCE OF THE HEAVENLY HOSTS,
BY THE POWER OF GOD,
THRUST INTO HELL SATAN,
AND ALL THE EVIL SPIRITS,
WHO PROWL ABOUT THE WORLD
SEEKING THE RUIN OF SOULS.

AMEN
Firefighter’s Prayer

Dear God, through the intercession of our patron, Saint Florian, have mercy on the souls of our comrades who have made the supreme sacrifice in the performance of their duty, and on all who have gone before us after years of faithful discharge of their responsibilities which now rest on ourselves. Give us grace to prepare each day for our own summons to Thy tribunal of justice. Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. Wherever You call me, I am ready to go. Merciful Father of all, save me from all bodily harm, if it be Thy will, but above all, help me to be loyal and true, respectful and honorable, obedient and valiant. Thus fortified by virtue, I shall have no fear, for I shall then belong to Thee and shall never be separated from Thee.

Amen.
St. Thomas Aquinas-Flatlands
Would like to Congratulate this Year’s 2016 Honorees
Msgr. John Delendick
Firefighter Frank Palumbo
Msgr. Robert J. Romano

St. Thomas Aquinas – Flatlands
Msgr. John J. Brown - Pastor
In Memory Of

Rev. Msgr. James E. Gotimer

James Pazereckas, Kevin Shelton and All The Young Intellectuals
Congratulations to Msgr. Delendick, Msgr. Romano, and Fireman Frank Palombo.

Thank you for your service.

Thank you, to a great school, for your service, formation, and education to all of the men, who walked these halls.

The Serravalli Family
Frank Serravalli, `79
Congratulations to the honorees!

Monsignor John Delendick, ‘68
Monsignor Robert Romano, ‘68
Frank Palombo, ‘73

From,

Jim Corrigan, ‘66
Malachy Corrigan, ‘68
John Corrigan, ‘67
Bill Corrigan, ‘76
Congratulations

Monsignor Robert Romano

from your classmates in the class of ‘68 Brooklyn Cathedral.
Congratulations to our priest classmates:

Monsignor John Delendick
and Monsignor Robert Romano

Thank you for your service to God and City.

Father Richard Ahlemeyer

Father Ronald D’Antonio

Monsignor Fernando Ferrarese

Father Augie Iantosca

Father Michael McGee

Monsignor Sean Ogle
IN MEMORY OF
FRANK PALOMBO
ON RECEIVING THE IMMACULATA AWARD

Although we did not know each other, we share two things in common – Cathedral School and September 11, 2001.

My life was spared on September 11 due to the courage of one of your fellow NYFD firemen. I owe that fireman, you and all your brothers in the NYFD a debt of gratitude for your selfless acts demonstrated on that day.

You and your family will remain in my thought and prayers forever.

~Frank C. Razzano, HS ‘65
Congratulations
Monsignor John Delendick
Immaculata Award Recipient
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With thanks and gratitude for your friendship
and inspiration over the years to Frank Palombo
and his wife Jean Marie Courtien Palombo

your example dedication and unconditional
love most especially to your children but in
reality to everyone who knew you both, inspires
us all and makes us want to follow the example

YEAR OF MERCY 2016

keep your children and all your friends
in your loving gaze we miss you and love you
The Brooklyn Queens
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Congratulates Tonight’s Honorees

Msgr. Robert Romano
Frank Palombo
Msgr. John Delendick

Sgt. Edward J. Conroy – President
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Msgr. John Delendick,

Thank you for all of your love and support!

Love,

Our Lady of Trust Catholic Academy

Faculty, Staff & Students
Congratulations
Msgr. John Delendick

Thank you for your devotion and dedicated service to the Church and your community.

Thank you for your spiritual leadership within the FDNY (20+ years), for always being there for the Department, for your support and consoling the families and friends of all Firefighter.

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Congratulations to these three outstanding men!

Best wishes from the Class of 1950

Father Lawrence O’Leary, ‘50
Congratulations and Best Wishes to all the Alumni Being Honored
Msgr. Richard M. Figlizzi

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Congratulations and Best Wishes to Cathedral Prep and the Honorees!

From,
Gerard A. Luccioni, Esq. ’75
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Cathedral Preparatory School and Seminary

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Congratulate
Msgr. John Delendick, Msgr. Robert J. Romano
and commemorate Firefighter Frank Palombo
as they receive the 2016 Immaculata Award

Cathedral Preparatory School and Seminary “forming young men for greatness”
and for myself and those Deacons who have been ordained and those now and
future candidates to be ordained that this Institution with its Administration
and Faculty exhibit a family of faith motivated by love for God who welcome
students(laity) and clergy to a tradition of learning who God is. I believe this
place is empowered by the Holy Spirit to strive to exemplify the truths taught
taught by our Saviour, Jesus Christ and instill respect for our Creator. In this place of
education, we are willingly to share our time, talents, and our treasures through
ministry all for the Honor and Glory of God.

Dcn. Philip Siani

Congratulations and Many
Blessings to our Classmates
Monsignors Delendick & Romano
Cathedral Class of 1968

John Reinhardt
Congratulations to my classmate, Monsignor Robert Romano
from Bob Terry ‘68

Congratulations and Best Wishes
to
Monsignor Robert Romano
Dr. Fred Herron, ‘71 and Kathleen Herron

Congratulations
to the Honorees!
Marian & Ken Engesser, ‘74

Booster Listing
James Hannan, ‘57
Francis P. Donnelly, ‘58
Michael Gibbons, Class of 1966, Brooklyn
Reverend Francis R. McMullen, ‘45
John Reemmer, ‘66
Congratulations
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Seminary

On the hosting of its
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Honoring the 2016 Inductees
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Firefighter Frank Palombo
Monsignor Robert J. Romano

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MAY 14, 2016