



Old Boys' Assoc.
First established in 1964

Paduans' Newsletter

Padua College Old Boys' Assoc.
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Autumn 2012



Matthew Hayden was the guest speaker at the College Assembly on 2 February. He also presented the 7A and First XII cricket teams with their caps and the First VI volleyball team with their jerseys.



A Prayer for the Intentions of Padua

(The College, its students, past pupils, parents, and teachers)

Lord, fill our hearts with your grace, that we may understand and support young people, as we would like them to understand and support us.

St Anthony of Padua, patron of our School – Pray for us

St Clare of Assisi, model for praising God – Pray for us

St Francis of Assisi, model of Gospel living – Pray for us

Blessed Mary MacKillop, compassionate educator of the poor and disadvantaged – Pray for us

Our Lady Help of Christians, patroness of Australia – Pray for us

Holy God, source of all goodness we place before you the needs of Padua College. May it continue nourishing the spiritual, physical and educational needs of the boys it serves.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

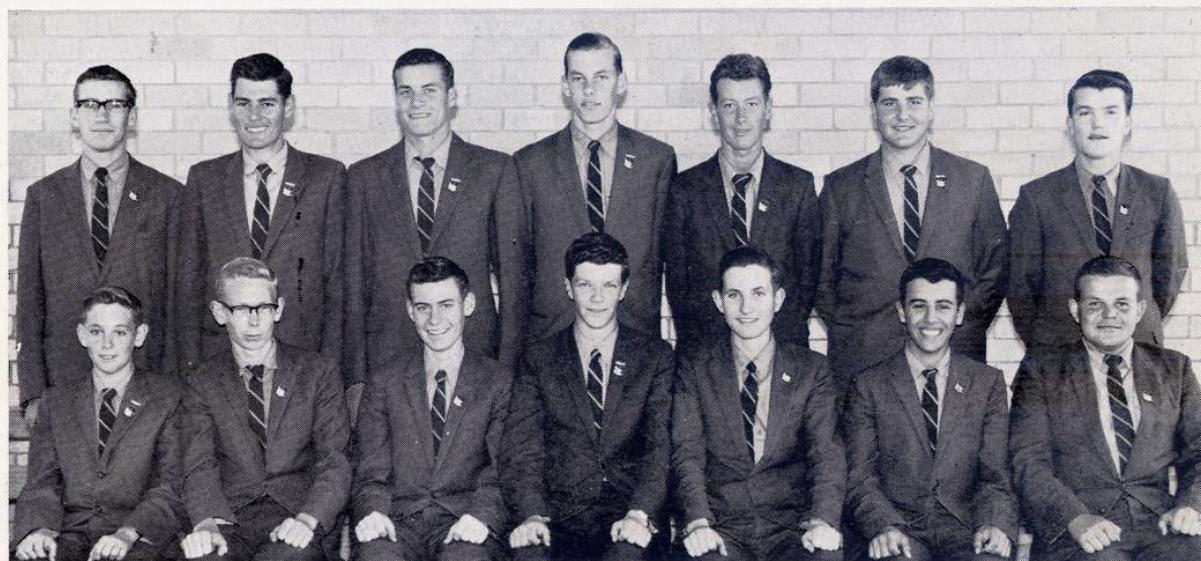
Amen

Old Boys News

Next year will be a significant milestone for those who were in the first Senior Class at Padua; it will be the 50th year since the first Senior Class graduated at Padua.

Fr Alban in his Rector's Report for that year stated "At last, at Padua, we can say that in 1963 the school is complete. What we have hoped for since our beginning in 1956 has come to pass : The first Senior Class has completed its course."

The photo from the 1963 Paduan shows that there were 15 students in that class.



SENIOR

Back Row: P. Murray, G. McCart, P. Webb, H. Van der Heide, R. Roberts, P. Goode, B. Flanigan.

Front Row: D. Finn, T. Waters, G. Shoring, P. Woodward, B. Rout, J. Mula, K. Boyle.

Absent: K. Henrick.

At this stage there are only a few names and contact details on the database. This is a request for assistance in locating these past pupils. Please contact Susan Skoien (sskoien@padua.qld.edu.au) if you can provide some contact details of these old boys.

(Many thanks to Hein Van der Heide for bringing this to our attention.)

Requiescat in pace

Preston Oh ('78)

Preston Oh died unexpectedly on 5 February. Preston involved himself in a number of activities whilst at Padua. Since leaving school he had worked for Australian Customs and been involved in the Australian Army Reserve, St John's Ambulance and Queensland Musical Theatre. He was the second youngest of five brothers who all attended Padua through the 1970s and his mother, Josephine, was the Librarian at Padua Primary for many years and a very active worker amongst the parent committees.

Please keep Preston and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Fr Hugolin Bourke ofm

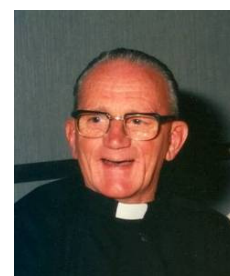


Fr Hugolin died in Sydney on 6 February, aged 86 years, after experiencing poor health for the last few years.

He was a teacher at Padua College for total of ten years, over two occasions: 1962 to 1969 and again 1975 to 1976. For four of those ten years he was Rector of the College - 1966 to 1969

After leaving Padua, Fr Hugolin served on Franciscan parishes in Sydney, Melbourne, Perth and Eaglehawk (Victoria).

Fr Hugolin also served on the Kedron parish 1984-1985.





FRANCISCAN COLLEGES GANGSTERS BALL

Did you hear about the FCIP event last year? It was a fantastic night; they really know how to party! And the tickets are already on sale for this year's event – the 2012 Franciscan Colleges Gangsters Ball. It is being held on Saturday 24th March, from 6.30pm at La Cordelle, Padua College.

So if you think it is time for a great night out with a group of friends, buy your tickets now as they will sell fast and numbers are limited. Everyone is welcome, not just school families. Tickets are \$60 per person, which includes a spit roast smorgasbord and live entertainment from Miss Mandy Swings and the Oz Hornz. There are prizes to be won, including best costumes (you don't have to dress up – but you will have more fun if you do!), silent auctions and raffles and gaming tables for some (legal) gambling.

Tickets are available from the Padua Office. For more information, contact Debbie Martin on 38579999 or dmartin@padua.qld.edu.au.



Franciscan Colleges
Instrumental Program

FCIP



FCIP presents
**FRANCISCAN COLLEGES
 GANGSTERS BALL**

FANCY DRESS! ... NO STILETTOS PLEASE

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE!

GAMING TABLES!

SILENT AUCTION

LIVE BAND - OZ HORNZ!

BAR

SPIT ROAST SMORGASBORD

\$60 per person



La Cordelle, Padua College
 80 Turner Rd, Kedron

March 24, 6:30 pm for 7 pm start

Tickets available through Padua Office from Monday 13th February
 For more information contact Debbie Martin on 3857 9999 or dmartin@padua.qld.edu.au
 please return to your school office

Name: _____ Phone: _____

No. Tickets: _____ Total \$ _____

Payment (please circle): Mastercard/Visa/Cheque*

*please make cheques payable to Padua College PO Box 111 Kedron Qld 4031

Name on card: _____

Card Number: _____

Expiry Date: ____ / ____

Collection (please tick):

☐ to be picked up from school OR ☐ to be held at door

**Franciscan Colleges
 Instrumental Program**

FCIP



Upcoming events (for your diary)...

Saturday 24 March

Sunday 29 April

Thurs 24 – Sun 27 May

Friday 8 June

Wednesday 13 June

Sun 24 – Fri 29 June

Sat 11 August

Thurs 4 October

Friday 2 November

Saturday 3 November

FCIP Gangsters Ball

Padua & Mt Alvernia Open Days

Dusty the Musical

Sportsmen's Dinner

*** Guest Speaker Rodney Hogg ***

Feast of St Anthony of Padua

**Confraternity Rugby League Carnival
(at St Patrick's Shorncliffe)**

Feast of St Clare of Assisi

Feast of St Francis of Assisi

FCIP Senior Showcase Night

Padua College Race Day



2012 Musical

2012 marks the year for another musical outing where Mt Alvernia and Padua Colleges join forces to present ***Dusty the Musical***; an exploration through song of the life of iconic pop singer Dusty Springfield.

Dusty the Musical will run from Thursday 24 – Sunday 27 May in the San Damiano Centre at Mt Alvernia College.



**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS**

40 and 50 YEAR REUNION
Classes of 1972 and 1962

Saturday, 12 May 2012
at Mt Alvernia College from 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

More details to come

20 and 30 YEAR REUNION
Classes of 1992 and 1982

Saturday, 2 June 2012
at Mt Alvernia College from 4.30 pm – 9.00 pm

Around the College

The graduating Seniors from 2011 had some very good OP results. Congratulations to Sebastian Carrasco, Philip Ines, Justin Kennedy and Lachlan Woodland on achieving an OP1. The overall perspective was:

OP 1-10 55.7% of OP students

OP 1-15 76.2 % of OP students

Additionally, Sebastian Carrasco has been awarded a Vice Chancellor's Scholarship to Queensland University and Justin Kennedy has been awarded a Vice Chancellor's Scholarship to Queensland University of Technology.



On Thursday, 9 February, the following students were commissioned as Student Leaders:

Liam Picard	College Captain
Abraham Tilbury	College Vice Captain
Jacob Chadburn	Beirne House Leader
James Briskie	Beirne House Leader
Nick Laube	Grigg House Leader
Giulian Ferranti	Grigg House Leader
Hayden Kent	Mitchell House Leader
Jacob Dryer	Mitchell House Leader
Lewis Wiseman	Odoric House Leader
Garrath Ryan	Odoric House Leader
Stephen Chinnery	Academic Leader
Lucas Brankovich	Community Leader
Zachary Brankovich	Co-Curricular Leader
Joe O'Toole	Pastoral Leader
Henry Gardiner	Primary School Captain
Jake Brazel	Mitchell House Leader
Riley Brazel	Mitchell House Leader
Christopher Lancaster	Beirne House Leader
Joseph Hughes	Beirne House Leader
Flynn Kamp	Grigg House Leader
Matthew Buckby	Grigg House Leader
Thomas Brandt	Odoric House Leader
Daniel Caulfield	Odoric House Leader

Normally, Fr Paul Smith ofm, the Provincial Minister of the Franciscans in Australia, would have joined us for this very special occasion. Unfortunately, Fr Paul needed to preside over the funeral of Fr Hugolin Bourke ofm, who passed away last Sunday at the age of 86.

Fr Hugolin (who Padua "Old Boys" might fondly remember as 'Mighty Mouse') taught at Padua from 1962 to 1969 and in 1975 and 1976. He was the Rector of Padua College from 1966 to 1969. It is interesting to read Fr Hugolin's first "Rector's Report" in the 1966 Paduan. It would appear that not much has changed in schools in 46 years.

"Change is always disturbing, but not always disagreeable. Everything depends on the attitude of mind with which we approach change. Padua has grown from a small school to a large school almost without our noticing it. Consequently there must be a different approach to school life. There must be a greater emphasis on conduct, discipline, uniforms; there must be a greater diversity in the choice of courses and subjects; there must be great cohesion and liaison between parents and teachers; parents must be prepared to take their full part in school life which is much more than the raising of money; more facilities for recreation must be provided. And these are only a few of the changes we must introduce."

On Thursday, 4 March, the College celebrated the official opening of the new school year with its Inaugural Eucharist. Fr Paul Smith, Provincial (and Old Boy of Padua) lead the celebration with Fr John Boyd-Boland (current Chaplain and Rector of Padua from 1989-2000) and Fr Benignus Clowes (Rector of Padua from 1978 – 83 and now retired to the Kedron Friary). Fr Paul paid special tribute to Fr Ben who was his History Teacher while he was a student at Padua! At that mass 12 Senior Students were commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers for this year. They were very dignified and respectful of their new roles on their first occasion. The Eucharistic Ministers are:

Beirne House:	Joseph Melville, Lachlan Toohey, Joseph Watson
Grigg House:	Lucas Brankovich, Brian Canning, Jake O'Brien, Oliver Ingram
Mitchell House:	Aiden McInnes, Liam Perry, Francis Santos
Odoric House:	Matthew Kirk, Tom Richter, Damian Slinger

Red Cross Blood Bank

Padua won the competition for most donations in the Brisbane North region in 2011.

Little King's Collection

Our motto this year was '\$12 000 for 2012!' and it was achieved! This is a record for Padua. Well done to all the students!

PC Eagles

PC Eagles are up and running, or should that be flying, again this year. In Early March they visited the Year 5 Eaglets.



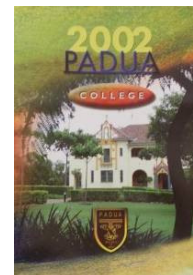
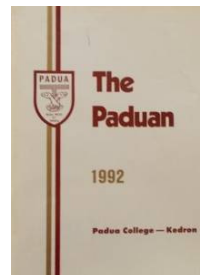
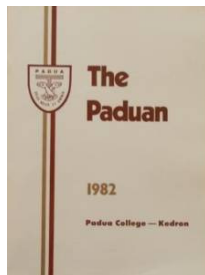
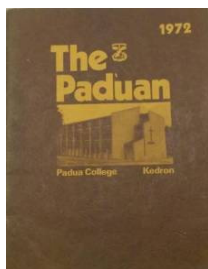
Academic Committee

In early March members of the Academic Committee read aloud to Year 5s.



Where we've come from...

(from The Paduan annual magazines)



The Rectors

1962 – Fr Alban Mitchell ofm



PADUA STAFF

L. to R.: Fr. Declan, Fr. Cletus, Fr. Alban, Fr. Hugolin, Mr. Walsh, Fr. Isidore, Br. Solanus, Fr. Benignus, Br. Donald, Fr. Odoric.

The year 1962 marks a turning point and a coming-of-age of Padua College.

In this one year, we have had the joy of seeing His Grace Archbishop Sir James Duhig bless the foundation stone of our new College. Then, his Grace Archbishop O'Donnell ...blessed and opened the new College in the presence of Father Provincial (Father Sebastian Day) on September 2. The Secondary School, so long desired, had arrived to make a reality of what seemed an improbable hope a few years ago.

Also this year, we began our first Sub-Senior Class; so that by 1963, with our first Senior Class, the School will be complete, thanks be to God. The total number now, in Primary and Secondary, is 420.

This year marks, too, the physical separation of the Primary and the Secondary Schools, Father Odoric being in charge of the Primary. Yet though physically

divided (with its attendant advantages) we are still physically united as one school: Padua.

1972 – Fr Tom Murtagh ofm



1972 has seen the culmination of many of our plans for Padua. Our enrolment has risen again to a total of 851, with 385 in the Primary and 466 in the Secondary. This is very close to our absolute limit, and from now on numbers should remain fairly constant.

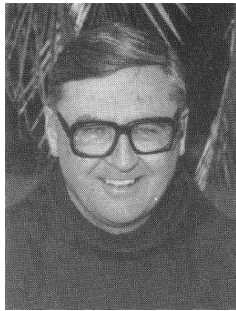
During the last few months a lot of work has been put into the swimming pool. Much of this work has been done at working bees, hard work which has only recently been obvious to the casual onlooker. Of course, this work is providing the final links in a chain which stretches back many years to those who sold tickets for the chook-wheel at Stafford when the swimming pool was only a hope for the future,

a hope that at times must have been obscured by doubts and uncertainties. It gives me great pleasure to announce that these doubts are all things of the past and that the pool is now functioning.

The completion of the new building in the secondary has removed many of the difficulties that have troubled us in recent years. No longer do we have to house secondary classes in the old primary building. No longer are we limited by inadequate and overcrowded science laboratories. The new building is linked at all levels to the existing building, and so we are able to make the best use of both buildings.

In addition we have the auditorium. With seating for nearly 200, this gives us facilities for lectures to large groups, both by lecturers coming into the school and by teachers in a team-teaching situation. It is also a suitable place for drama productions and concerts, for films and for meetings. Already we wonder how we were able to manage in the past without it. Also in the building are new music rooms, a suitable base for our music department and a home for our grand piano.

1982 – Fr Benignus Clowes ofm



...for the Christian there is much greater need in our changed and rapidly changing times for each of us to be more critical (Greek, *krino*, “I judge”), that is, ready to make judgements about events, reports, comments, situations, human behaviour, distinguishing as well as we can right from wrong, so that attitudes and conduct are not insidiously influenced for all the worse by what we see and hear. We all acknowledge the reality and influence of propaganda.

We must be on our guard against the fallacy that certain attitudes or modes of behaviour are right simply because growing numbers of people seem to be adopting them.

1992 – Fr John Boyd-Boland ofm



...when the strong link is made between education, its relationship to work and national economic recovery, little is said of the pursuit of knowledge for its own sake, the transmission of our cultural heritage, or the transmission of those caring and humane social values we thought were central to the vocation of teaching.

At odds with the economics rationalists, I believe those involved in teaching at Padua do see themselves as having a collective responsibility to develop a vision for the future which extends beyond the narrow instrumentalism. In that sense we are prophetic, and true to our mission.

As a Catholic Franciscan school, in our Religious Education programme, in our retreat days, our liturgies and our daily prayer together we aim to produce young men who in ordinary, regular and inconspicuous ways witness to Jesus Christ. That by their words and deeds they testify about justice being more important than habit and complacency, about caring and concern, not indifference being the human way, about love and forgiveness triumphing over hatred and resentment, about hope not cynicism and withdrawal, being our deepest devotion.

Our task as a Catholic school is to pass on the faith, in all its fullness, from one generation to another, just as has happened since the Church was first founded. At Padua it is done in a happy spirit, because the message is good news. It is as Francis would say about peace and love, and not love just as soft warm and fuzzy feelings, but based on knowledge and shown in self-sacrificing actions.

2002 – Mr Robert Out



There is a story about St Francis that tells of a brother, who asked Francis to teach him to preach well. St Francis took his brother into Assisi and went about talking to people, helping them out and listening to their stories. When they returned to the Portiuncula, the brother asked Francis when he was going to teach him to preach. Francis simply replied that he had been teaching him to preach. Simply put, “Actions speak louder than words”, and I am pleased to report the actions of the Padua Community this year have been as impressive to all.

[These actions have been in the way of...]

- Future Planning
- New Uniform
- Padua College Sports Supporters Club
- P & F Association
- Old Boys' Association
- The Students
- The Staff

The Buildings...

1962



2012



The new Secondary School classrooms

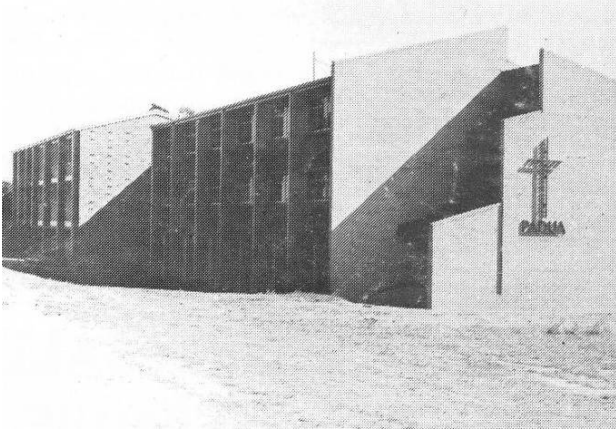


In the new science laboratory

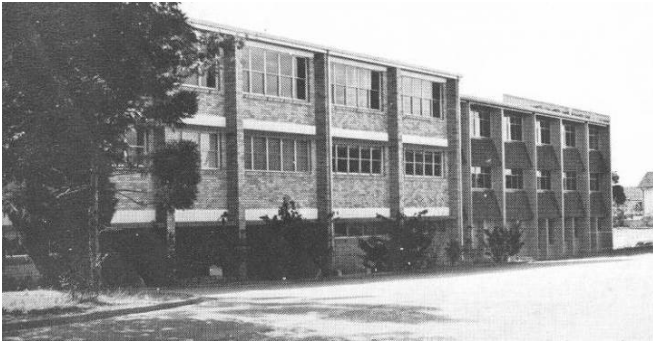


Awards ceremony (circa 1962)

1972



2012



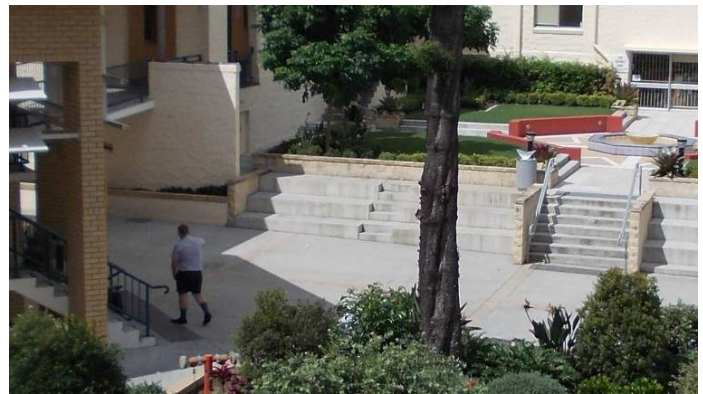
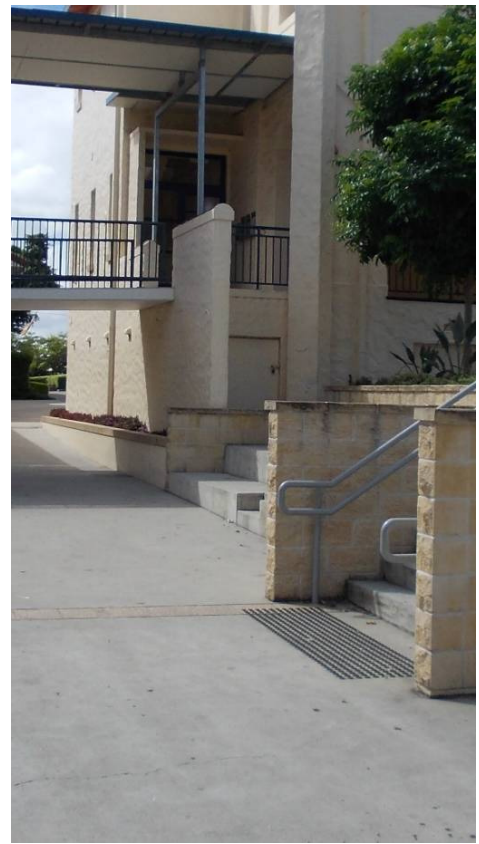
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In the Habit

(This is a repeat of the *In the Habit* which originally appeared in the *Winter 2010 Old Boys Newsletter*.)

Name

Fr Hugolin Bourke OFM

Something about you people might not know

I'm now crippled

What did you do before you became a friar

Science Degree at Sydney University

What drew you to the Franciscans

I had a brother a Franciscan ordained in 1944, my Parish Priest was a Capuchin Franciscan and I knew many other Franciscans.



Years you were at Padua

1962 – 1970, 1974 - 1976

The first thing you remember about the Padua community

Meeting up with the young Friars who I studied with – Isidore [Beirne], Alban [Mitchell], Ben [Clowes], Edwin [Nally], Odoric [Fathers], Cletus [Davis], Declan [Madden], Eugene [Cornock] and others. There are only two of left now of that early group – Ben and myself. In those early days we couldn't even afford to buy chalk.

Your most unforgettable memory of Padua

The terrible announcement that I was to be the Rector

The question you're most often asked about Padua

About the beginnings, how it got started and how it developed.

Something about Padua that still makes you laugh

I remember how difficult the work was and how much fun we had at Sunday lunch.

Your advice to current Paduans

To make sure you have a holistic education. Religion, sport etc – all those things that will prepare you for a decent life.



Your advice to Old Boys

Remember what your parents have done for you and do what you can to help others at Padua.

What are you up to now

As a cripple I have plenty of time to pray and read

Final comment

Try to remember the early work done under such difficult conditions to really appreciate what your college was built upon.

Things Franciscan

This year is an important year as we celebrate 800 years since St Clare joined St Francis' fledgling Order.

St Clare has a prominent and significant place in the Franciscan story and we would do well to draw inspiration from her life. There is no doubt that she was a woman of vision, courage and determination – qualities that we can all use in our modern world.

An Introduction to FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY

Drawn from the life and writings of

St Francis of Assisi

by

Campion Murray OFM

47. Saint Clare

After his conversion Francis began to restore small churches close to Assisi. He did this because when he heard a voice from the crucifix say to him: 'Go, rebuild my church', he understood the words literally. The first church he rebuilt was the Church of San Damiano. This was to become the home of his greatest disciple, Clare of Assisi. Clare attracted followers and for them Francis wrote a Form of Life.

Clare came to Francis six years after his conversion and, after overcoming opposition from her family, she was able to start a community of sisters. Celano reports that after his death, his sons carried the body of Francis to the Church of San Damiano where Francis had 'first planted the religion and the Order of the consecrated virgins and Poor Ladies'. (I, 285)

Late in his life Francis wrote a Canticle for these sisters. His Canticle was meant to encourage them and, as it was clear that his time with them would be limited, they needed assurance for the future. The advice he gave them is simple and practical but at the same time it has an element of inspiration. They are to live in truth, not to look at the life they have left behind, to use the alms the Lord gives them with discernment, to be at peace as they care for the sick, because from their efforts they 'will be crowned queen in heaven with the Virgin Mary'.



Urgent Attention – Old Boys’ Database

In 2010 changes were made to the Old Boys’ electronic database at the College. There were a number of issues with this and, in talking with some old boys, it seems that some names and details have been lost. It is important that the database is as accurate and comprehensive as possible to keep all old boys informed.

If you are talking to any fellow old boy, please ask them if they are still receiving emails notifying them of events and the Newsletters. If they received emails in years gone by and no longer receive emails, encourage them to get in touch with Susan Skoien by email, sskoien@padua.qld.edu.au, or by telephone, 07 3857 9999.



Are you in the process of looking to get some work done? Why not consult the current **FOTH Community Business Directory**? There is a variety in the 76 businesses advertised. Each business has a relationship with Padua, St Anthony's and/or Mt Alvernia. There are a number of Old Boy businesses, which can be searched separately, included.

The **FOTH Community Business Directory** can be located through the College website, www.padua.qld.edu.au.

Do you know of anyone not receiving the Newsletter? Encourage them, and every other Old Boy, to get their email address to Susan Skoien at the College.

Privacy Notice

1. Padua College provides personal information to associations connected with the College, concerned with the involvement of old boys in the College, such as the Old Boys' Association, and a prospective College foundation. The primary purpose of collecting and providing this information is to inform you about activities of the College and those associations, and to keep old boys informed about other old boys.
2. The College and those associations need the information referred to, in order to keep you informed about those activities. If you do not want that information provided as described, it is necessary that you inform the College.
3. As you know, from time to time, the College, and the associations engage in fundraising activities to help the College. The information received from you may be used to make an appeal to you. If you do not agree to this, please advise the College now.
4. The College and the associations may publish details about you in their publications. If you do not agree to this, please advise the College now.

The Newsletter is produced a number of times a year.

To make sure that it is interesting and informative there is a need for relevant information to be included. To this end please send along information about yourself and other Old Boys – what you've been up to, where you've bumped into Paduans – and what you would like to see in the Newsletter.

Please forward information, and photos if possible, to Susan Skoien via email, sskoien@padua.qld.edu.au or to the College (address on the front page).

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