

St. Gerard Majella Church

A Redemptorist Family



75TH

Anniversary

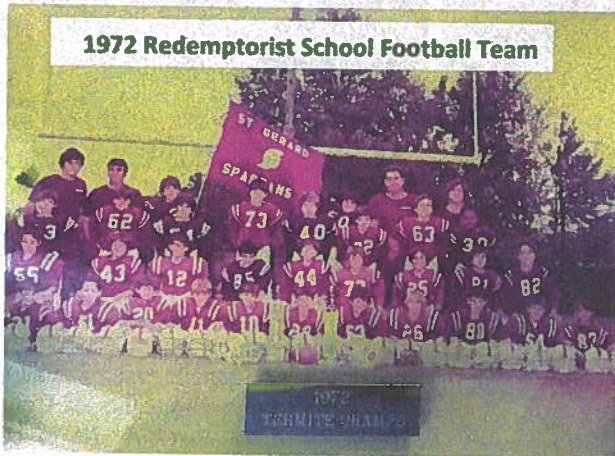
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Let's Celebrate 75 Years of God's Mission

Dear Friends, Alumni and parishioners,

Today, is it like a celebration of someone's 75th birthday? No. It is because Redemptorist St. Gerard (RSG) Elementary School has been faithfully living and serving for so



1972 Redemptorist School Football Team

many great and holy lives for 75 years. It's not only for one person's birthday celebration but for many generations' celebration. We should remember and celebrate with Redemptorist High School for it too had been in service of excellent education, friendship, sports, and faith growth to so many generations. We need to celebrate and praise God for so many graces God has bestowed upon us.

As the pastor of St. Gerard's and principal of RSG school, we are so deeply grateful to so many people who have made the school stand strong and vibrant to the present day. For whom are we grateful?

- First and foremost, we thank God for Bishop Michael Gerard Duca and all previous bishops, spiritual leaders, and Superintendent, Dr. Mel Palmisano, for always journeying and guiding RSG now and throughout 75 years.
- We thank God for all Redemptorist missionaries who had served here since 1944, especially Fr. Paul Baudry, C.Ss.R., the first pastor.

- We thank God for the service and dedication of the School Sisters of Notre Dame for teaching so many young people the love of God and the love of others.

- We are grateful for all educators, faculties, principals, coaches, janitors, bus drivers, and parents for working together tirelessly to make our RSG young people's future bright.

- We would like to congratulate all alumni and students of today's RSG for working hard to become the best version of yourselves.



Beloved Faculty & Staff of RSG

Today, RSG

Elementary School is still very dear to many people. This school is still existing because of the help, support, and prayers of so many benefactors and friends of RSG. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We become missionaries to work in the vineyard of God today to make sure our young people are healthy, happy, and holy ever more.

Last but not least, we would like to deeply give thanks to God for the big financial support from the Louisiana State scholarship and voucher program to make sure our school is here. We pray that we continually work together to bring forth God's reign of love, peace, and excellent education to all young people today and in the future.

RSG is still here because of YOU. Our mission is your mission. Our mission is ultimately God's Mission: *To welcome children; to care for them and to help them to become healthy, happy, and holy every day.*

Gratefully,

By Fr. Tat Hoang, C.Ss.R., Pastor &
Ms. Cheryl Domino, Principal



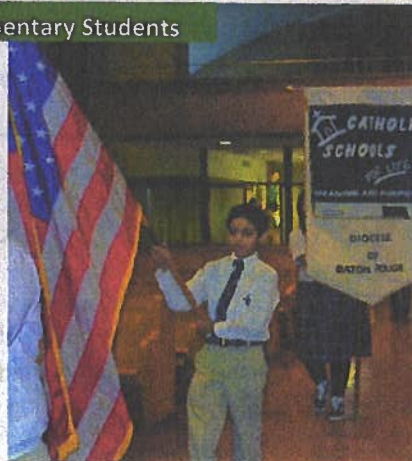


The Moreau Family, Ms. Domino & Fr. Tat



St. Gerard Elementary Students & Fr. Tat

St. Gerard Elementary Students



Redemptorist Alumni with Class Trophy

From Childhood, Adulthood to Sainthood



I am very excited to participate in the 75th anniversary of Redemptorist St. Gerard Elementary School. I have been blessed to participate with Fr. Tat, the faculty and our group of dedicated volunteers.

In January 2020 I had the opportunity to meet Fr. Tat for the first time. Our initial conversation did not

result in any real details or actions but it was clear to me that I was being called, back to my childhood parish, to participate in something. I grew up in St. Gerard parish, along with my parents and 6 siblings, all attending St. Gerard elementary and Redemptorist Junior & Senior High School (graduates between 1969 and 1982).

During subsequent meetings our group has expanded to other caring people who are called to St. Gerard (by the Holy Spirit). As you know there are many great things happening at St. Gerard's but this small team is focused on Redemptorist St. Gerard Elementary.

Our goal is to continue the wonderful history of Catholic education at St. Gerard School to the next generations of students. We are focusing on academics to ensure the faculty have all the right tools and support to ensure a quality education.



J. RICHARD FAMILY

The team is also working to raise funds to support academics, repairs and maintenance. The new Knights of Columbus of the Ray M. Lorio council #17544 was also born out of these efforts and will provide support to the church and school with various projects.

Please contact the church office if you would like to participate in working with us to renew Redemptorist St. Gerard for the next generations.

Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me. (Mark 9:37)

Our dream is to help young students to grow and mold themselves into outstanding adults and virtuous people of our church and community today.

By Jimmy Richard, Chairperson of Friends of Redemptorist St. Gerard

Redemptorist St. Gerard's Faculty & Staff: "We are one big family."

Ms. Lolita Duperon - 2nd Grade Teacher

"My favorite aspect of working with Redemptorist St. Gerard has been how close of a family we are. Fr. Tat has played a great role in making a big difference in our communal environment. He is always encouraging students & teachers and has a very calming effect. We love him."

Ms. Deborah Lagarde - 5th Grade Teacher

"My favorite aspect of working at St. Gerard is the opportunity of going to Mass every Friday. The children need the spiritual aspect that St. Gerard provides to them."

Ms. Pamela Gauthier - All Grades

"My favorite memory of working at St. Gerard's is actually the day I was interviewed. The statue of Mary in front of the school helped me to find my way in St. Gerard. I had been excited to see and pray to her every time I've come to school and since that day I have always had a special relationship with Mary and this amazing school. Now I teach both computer technology and religion. I'm excited."

Mr. Terrell Burks - Custodian

"I love working with the kids. It's why I'm still here after all of these years. I love seeing them smile every day."

Ms. Yolanda Marcel - 3rd Grade Teacher

"I love everyone here, faculty, staff & students. When I am down, St. Gerard's gives me the spirit of wanting to come to work. It's just different."

Ms. Tosha Sidebord - PreK Teacher

"My favorite part of working for St. Gerard's is that we are all one big family. Whether it is a happy or sad day we are there for each other, always."

Ms. Elaine Soileau - PreK Teacher

"My favorite part of working for St. Gerard's is how it feels so much like a family. It's a small atmosphere, so everyone gets the chance to get to know each other."

Ms. Yvette Jack - PreK Teacher

"I love the small environment here at St. Gerard's. All of the faculty and staff have been so welcoming and kind."