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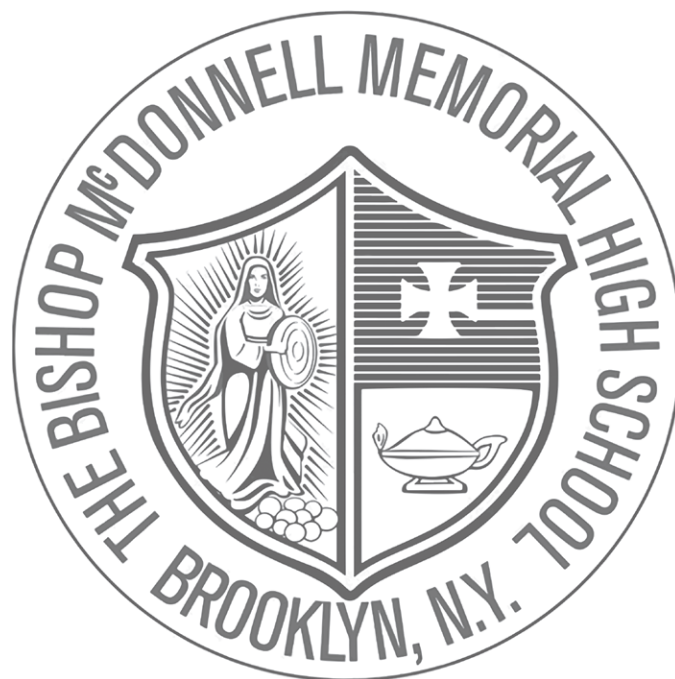
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SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022 — 10am - 4pm

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School continues to play a vital role in Catholic education through your commitment to continue the good work begun in you.

Dear Bishop's Alumnae,

Spring has sprung and with it the promise of new life. By the time you receive this issue we will have celebrated the Resurrection of the Lord. I hope that whatever insight and grace you gained through the practices of Lent renewed you in mind, body, and spirit and prepared you to share in the abundance of life manifest in Jesus raised from the dead. That event is worthy of an Alleluia.

Noting the fullness of life, consider this issue of the *Memorial* as an object lesson in vitality. It is hard to imagine that Bishop's closed its doors to educating young women 49 years ago. One indicator of the values cultivated at Bishop's is what the graduates have contributed to the common good. In these pages you will read about a woman who commits her life to service of the people of God as a religious Sister, a Dominican. Another Memorialite dedicates herself to the education of children serving as Principal in a public elementary school.

Think of the lives impacted — students, faculty, and staff — by the values nurtured at Bishop's that she carried into the workplace. And then from a very different arena, an Olympic athlete who modeled discipline, self-control, and perseverance in the pursuit of excellence. All of these women model lives lived well at the service of something bigger than themselves.

What about now? As alumnae of Bishop's you have committed to building a legacy for young women at Bishop Loughlin. Linda Ineus '18 is only one example of the good you supported in promoting young women to develop their intellect, fashion their dream, and pursue it with tenacity. Loughlin is humbled to be the vehicle for your good work. Yes, Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School continues to play a vital role in Catholic education through your commitment to continue the good work begun in you.

May Christ Easter in you. Live Jesus in our hearts. Forever.

Br. Dennis Cronin, FSC
President

AN OLYMPIC ATHLETE

CONSTANCE DARNOWSKI STOLL '52

by Phyllis Murphy Howell '67

Bishop McDonnell accepted Constance Darnowski from her parish of St. Stanislaus in Green Point, Brooklyn. First she attended Queen of All Saints Annex before attending Bishop McDonnell on Eastern Parkway in September 1950. Her two brothers, Vincent '51 and Michael '54 were already attending Bishop Loughlin, so Constance wanted to go to the all-girls diocesan high school.

Both her brothers were members of the Bishop Loughlin track and field team and went on to St. John's University. Later, Vincent was the President of Housatonic Community College in Bridgeport, CT and Michael was a chemist for the Borden Company.

While attending St. Stanislaus, Connie joined the track team and competed in the 50-yard dash. This was the start of her love of track. Her

father encouraged her and she began training. A member of the German-American Athletic Team noticed her and invited her to join. She was only 12 but was training with 15 and 16 year-olds. She began traveling to various meets. Her first one, in Texas, she won against eight other teams. Her passion for track was born!

Connie loved everything about Bishop's, and said she would "pit her education against any school in the world." Her father instilled in her she could achieve anything she strove to do.

At Bishop's Connie played varsity basketball for two years, and at the same time, trained with the track team — sometimes getting home after 7 p.m., with homework still to complete. It was a busy schedule, but Connie was thriving in a school she loved and extracurricular activities that she enjoyed.

Connie represented the United States in the 80-metre hurdles event at the 1952 (Helsinki) and the 1956 (Melbourne) Olympics. In the 1952 games, she was joined by another Bishop's student, Marjorie Larney '55, who competed in the javelin event. Connie says she still gets emotional remembering marching in the opening day ceremonies and wearing the United States custom-made red, white, and blue outfits.





Members of the Class of 1952 at Miller Ridge in LI, celebrating their collective 80th birthdays in 2014.

At the Olympic trials in 1952, Connie won the 80-metre hurdles in 11.8 seconds — one-tenth of a second off the American women's national record!

She was proud to be a member of the U.S. Olympic teams and was happy with her performances — said she had “respectable times” (she sure did).

After the 1956 games, Connie did not want to put her life on hold for another four years so she focused on continuing her education attending St. John's University School of Education. After graduation, she taught high school math, was a guidance counselor, and finally settled in as a principal in Plainview, CT before retiring.

Connie is blessed with five children, eight grandchildren, and recently, a great-granddaughter. Connie keeps herself quite busy. She enjoys bocce and luncheons with the Women's club. The near future includes planning an event for her community.

The Class of 1952 keeps in touch. They attend various luncheons, and reunions; a few years back, they held an extra-large 80th birthday celebration for themselves (*see above*)! They annually send out Christmas cards signed “Sister Memorialites”. These girls have maintained the friendships they made over 70 years ago. Their next gathering, celebrating their 70th anniversary, is being planned for June 12 at Jonathan's Restaurant in Garden City Park, LI. They'll start the afternoon with Mass celebrated in the restaurant, followed by lunch.

*Connie Darnowski Stoll '52 on her 85th birthday.
Her cake is decorated with a few of her favorite things.*

On a very special note: Since Connie supports Loughlin, she purchased a raffle ticket at the 25th Anniversary Lion Lancer Golf Outing this past June at Inwood Country Club and was the lucky winner of the grand prize — \$5,000!

Congratulations
Connie on both
your win
and your amazing
Bishop's
spirit!





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Barbara Bank

A Bus from Long Beach to Far Rockaway, then the subway to the Franklin Avenue shuttle.

Doris Schluter

What stamina, gals! Bet we got 10,000 steps before it was even popular! 😊

Cathy Pittman Cornue

The el from Forest Parkway to east New York; subway to Franklin; Franklin Ave Shuttle to Bishop's stop. It took about 45 minutes and we traveled with a group of guys from Trinity, Loughlin and Brooklyn Tech!

Geraldine Kratz

Two buses B57 to Navy Yard and then the Lorimer Street bus up Franklin Ave to Eastern Parkway... at least 1hr 30 minutes on a good day! We survived!!!

Anne Muller-Wilson

Bus to Jamaica Ave, El to Eastern Parkway, subway to Franklin Ave and shuttle to Bishop's. About an hour and a half...and loved every minute. I would do it all Over again. Can you see our grandchildren doing that now? (Class of '58)

When we moved to Queens my junior year, it took me two hours to get to Bishop's — via a bus, the F train, changed to the B train to Franklin Avenue. — Dorothy Siolek Hlywa

Teresa Marotta

When I first started I only had to take one bus, but then we moved and I had to take a Bus to Jamaica Station, walk down the block and take the J Train to Broadway then take the A train to Franklin Ave and then the wonderful Franklin Ave Shuttle LOL

Gail Sullivan Lanpher

The subway. IRT from Newkirk to Franklin I think. Except for when Miss [Linda Inzerillo Cavallaro](#) would drive to Brooklyn from Howard Beach and pick me up!!!! What a great best friend!

Marie Scuderi McNamara

Started at the other end of Brooklyn on the J train, transferred to the A train and finally The Franklin Avenue Shuttle.

Marie Scuderi McNamara
March 26, 2021 ·

Dear Memorial Sisters,
We traveled from far and wide to get to Bishops.
What mode of transportation did you use?
How long did it take you?

341 Comments

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In the last issue of the *Memorial* we shared a question that **Christine Layne-Waters '73** posted on Facebook — it led to over 400 comments. In this issue, we share another post by **Marie Scuderi McNamara '65** — which also brought back beloved memories from hundreds of you. It is clear that the post reminded you of a special time with memories held dear and friends treasured. Some of you traveled a great distance to Bishop's — the longest, two hours each way! The most modes of transportation taken in a single trip to school (including walking) was five! If you traveled by train, bus, or subway (or all three), many of you ended up on the Franklin Ave shuttle. Some walked, a few were driven to school catching rides, and there was even a comment about catching a cab with five classmates. Enjoy the stories!



I started with the D train (now the F train), changed for the GG at Smith and 9th (climbing lots of stairs), got the A train at Hoyt-Schermerhorn to where I got the Franklin shuttle to the Eastern Parkway stop.
— Justine DeVito Tenney

Joyce Rivera
I came from Elmont. 1 bus and three trains. Two hours.

Christine Lauro DiFalco
Smith St bus to Bergen St bus to Flatbush Ave bus then train to, I think, Franklin Ave. Don't remember how long that took. Five cents with bus pass for entire trip!

Lenore Bruno
The Q11 bus to Rockaway Blvd, the A Train and Franklin Ave Shuttle...about an hour+

Linda Inzerillo Cavallaro
From Howard Beach, walked to Cross Bay Blvd., took the 6:05 bus to the Rockaway Blvd. train station. Took the A train to Franklin Avenue, then the shuttle to Botanical Gardens. After I got my license in senior year, I was able to drive for a few months and it felt great. A long commute, but worth every minute.
Bishop's Girls are the best! ❤️

Maryann DeMaso
I used 3 buses and it took 1 1/2 hours to get there from Maspeth Queens.
It may have been long but it was the best gift I ever got- a 4 year Bishop's education. The nuns were great too!

Pam McPhail
2 buses...1 hour....uphill both ways. 😊

Jean Horn Caron
Bus from College point to Flushing - 7 subway to Grand Central & Lexington Avenue Downtown to Bishops - 1 1/2 hours each way!!

Kate Graves Mentlik
Bus to Borough Hall from Red Hook, then subway to Franklin Ave! Walk a block (or ran if I was late) to those steps up to Bishop's!

I walked five blocks to the bus into Jamaica, upstairs on the Jamaica EL at 168th Street to Eastern Parkway (Broadway Junction), downstairs to the A train to Franklin Avenue, upstairs to the shuttle — getting off at the Botanic Gardens...total time, two hours! — Ginny Reilly Corkhill

Barbara Brown
Crosstown bus from the corner of Van Dyke & Van Brunt Streets in Red Hook to Borough Hall, Brooklyn. Then downstairs to IRT Subway to Franklin Ave. station. Then walk one block to the school.

About 45 - 50 minutes total.
There were other students who took the same bus & subway. So there was good company & conversation along the way. We had fun. We were happy.

Krystyna Gutt
Lorimer Street bus, almost door-to-door. Took about an hour.

Phyllis Howell
walk to the Flatbush ave bus, bus to subway, change at DeKalb for the Franklin shuttle Walk to school.- thank God that I survived the trip

Pat Connelly Moore
So many of us took the Franklin Ave shuttle. It was like a cattle car for the few stops to Eastern Parkway. 😊

Marsha Stopko
Sometimes five of us would share a Checker cab from 9th Street & 8th Ave at a quarter a piece. Other times we caught a free ride on a bread delivery truck. If we weren't so lucky, a bus to Grand Army Plaza then a subway to Franklin.

Rosalie Tesoriero Urso
A grade school friend lived on the same block and her dad drove 5 of us to school every day. I was fortunate. He did that for all 4 years, rye beach trip and the world's fair trip.

Marianne Mancini Seibel
Bus, elevated train, subway
From Jackson Heights to Eastern Parkway. 45min to an hour.
Met my husband on the train!

Julie O'Connor Casimano
The LIRR into B'klyn then 2 different subways & a short walk! Probably an hour from Far Rockaway!

I took the bus to Jamaica El, changed to the subway to Eastern Parkway. I made my best friends on that commute. My future husband commuted to Bishop Loughlin. — Kathy Donovan



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CAN YOU IDENTIFY
WHO IS IN THIS
PICTURE?
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Email the names of these Bishop's girls to Josephine Santos McKenna '90 at jmckenna@blmhs.org.