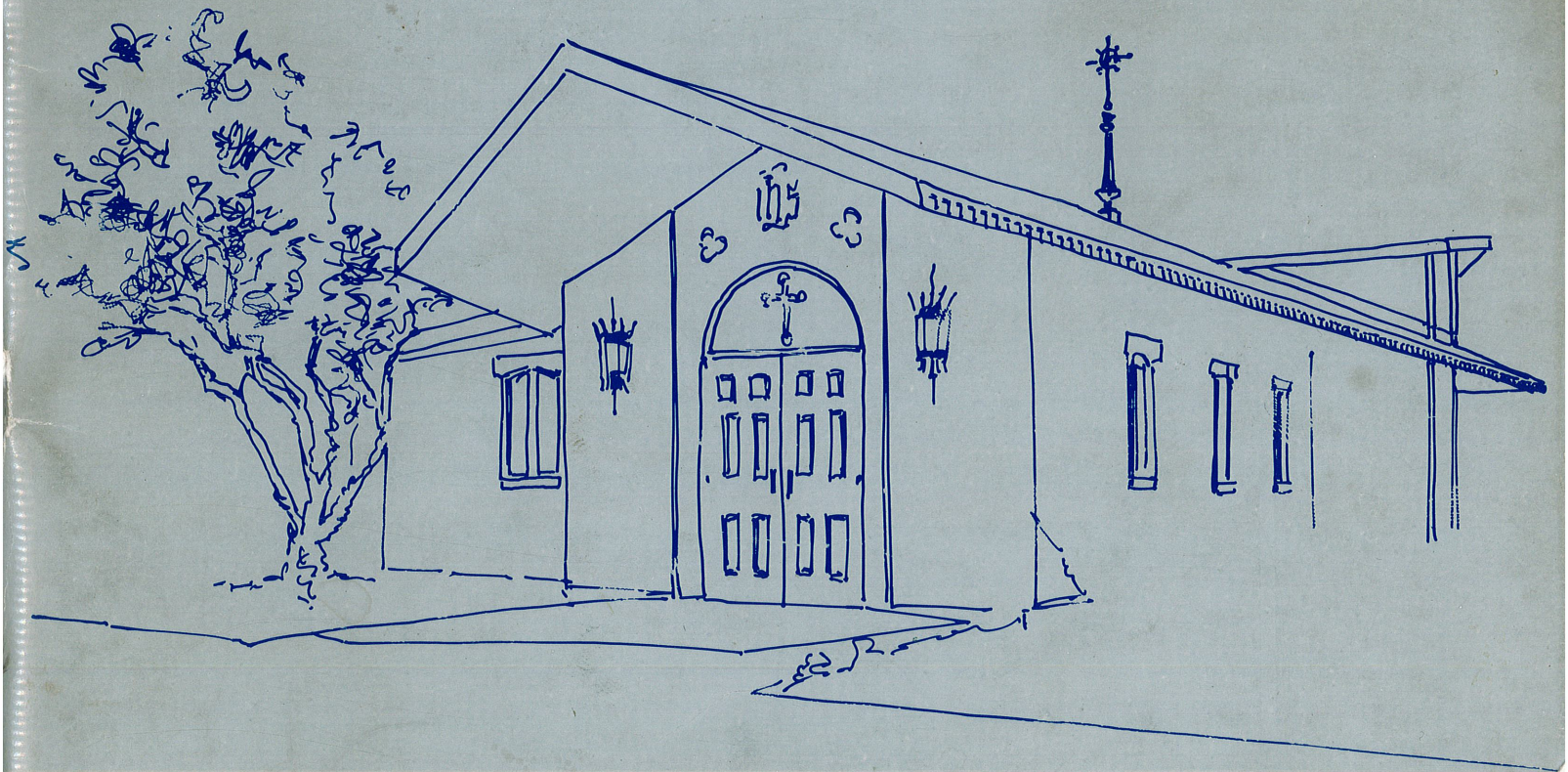
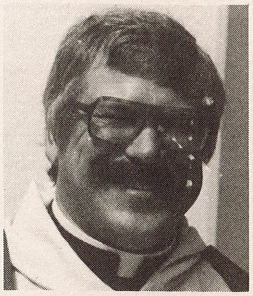
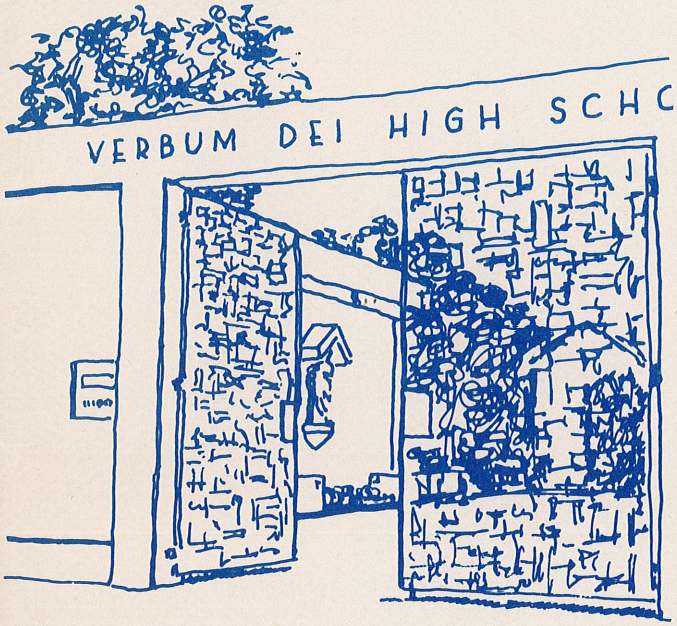
VERBUM DEI

SILVER ANNIVERSARY
1962 – 1987





" NEVER FORGET THAT YOU STILL HAVE A HOME ON 111th AND CENTRAL AVENUE... "



Dear Friends,

It is indeed exiting to celebrate our twenty-fifth anniversary. As the world around us has changed in the last generation, Verbum Dei has remained a constant source of light in this community.

The Word of God has lived and grown in each of you who have passed through these corridors. The Word that was nourished here on Central Avenue has moved on to every corner of the world. Our history is the history of every student, parent, faculty, staff person or friend who has graced these grounds. We are proud of everything that has been accomplished here.

This year we will joyfully celebrate that history. Tonight as we Kick off our 25th Anniversary we are especially grateful for the lives of the three men who led us through that first generation. It was through the visions, dreams, sweat and leadership of Bishop Francis, Fr. Robinson and Fr. James that we have passed those first twenty-five years. To them we offer our deepest gratitude.

We have put together this book to recall a few of the many memories that we have shared together. Obviously the people and memories recalled in this publication are but a few of the many that make up our history. Hopefully these few will jar our minds and help us recall many more.

Sincerly,
Fr. Steve Nejasmich
principal

" FATHER ROBINSON CAME TO VERBUM DEI COMMITTED TO BUILDING... "

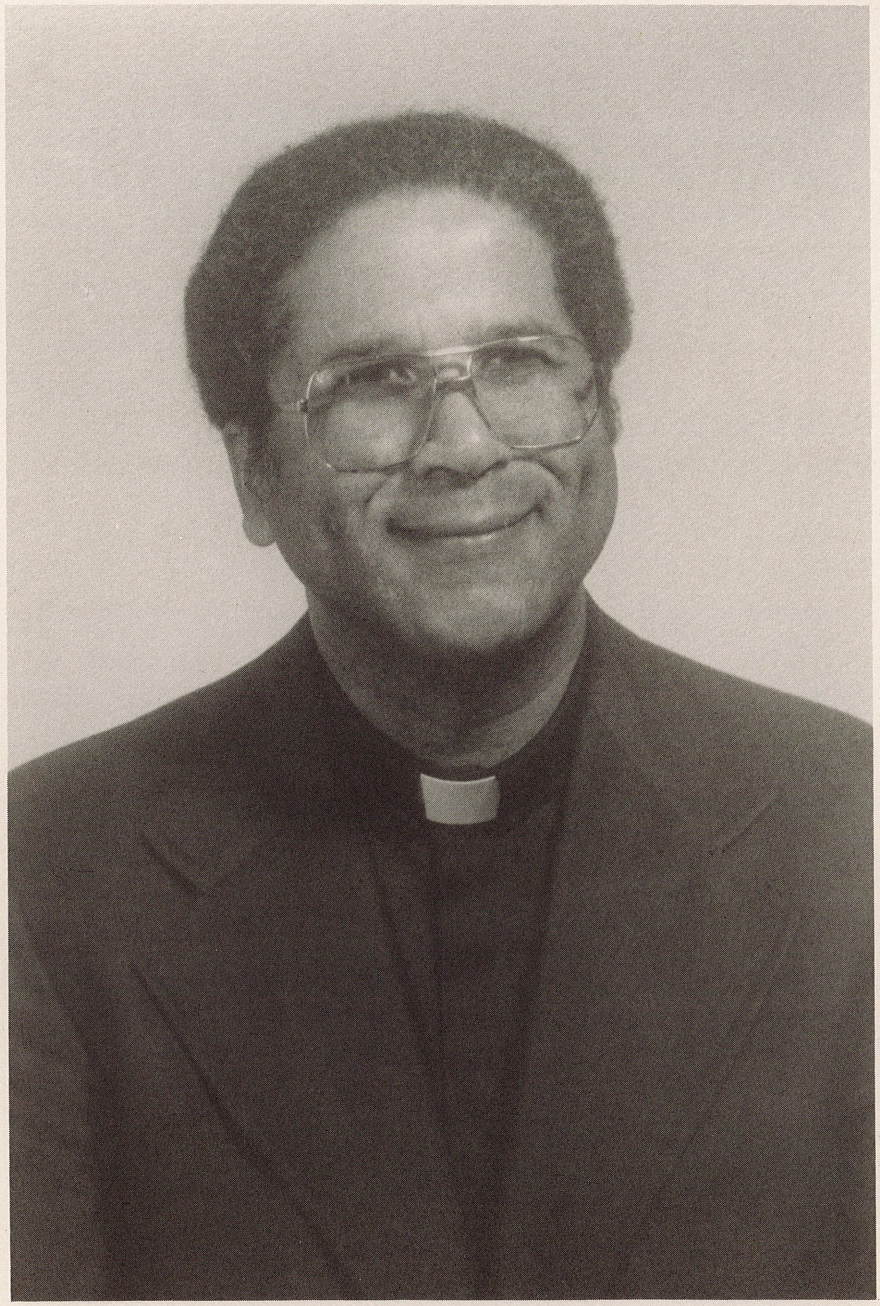


Fr. Fisher J. Robinson, SVD served as principal of Verbum Dei for thirteen years. Coming to the school in 1967 he brought with him a wealth of experience and involvement with education and learning . During his tenure he endeavored to develop Verbum Dei into the best school possible.

Fr. Robinson, who was a product of Abbeville, Louisiana school system began his advanced studies at the Divine Word Missionary Seminary in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. Obtaining his college degree at Divine Word College in Epworth, Iowa, he returned to Bay St. Louis for studies in Philosophy and was ordained a priest in 1958. Always in pusuit of excellence and knowledge, Father Robinson continued his studies at San Diego Univerity, the Divine Word College in Rome and at Catholic University of America where he received his M.A.

With his academic and professional background, Father Robinson came to Verbum Dei committed to building a secondary school which would serve the surrounding black community as an institution which strove for academic and athletic excellence. Father Robinson came to Verbum Dei after the stormy Watts Riots and he was always aware that much needed to be done so that he could assist an able and dedicated faculty in creating strong young scholars with positive self images who had dreams of succeeding.

Father Robinson left a strong and memorable legacy at " The Verb. " In 1980 Father left Verbum Dei to



continue his work in the black and Hispanic Community as pastor of St. Malachy's Parish. Last year Father was honored for his dedication and hard work in the black Catholic community by being named by Archbishop Roger Mahony the Los Angeles Archdiocese's Vicar for Black Catholics. And, of course, Father Robinson is a frequent and honored visitor at his beloved alma mater, Verbum Dei High School.

" HIS ENERGY, SPIRIT AND ENTHUSIASM REMAIN AN INTERGRAL PART OF THE VERBUM DEI COMMUNITY... "

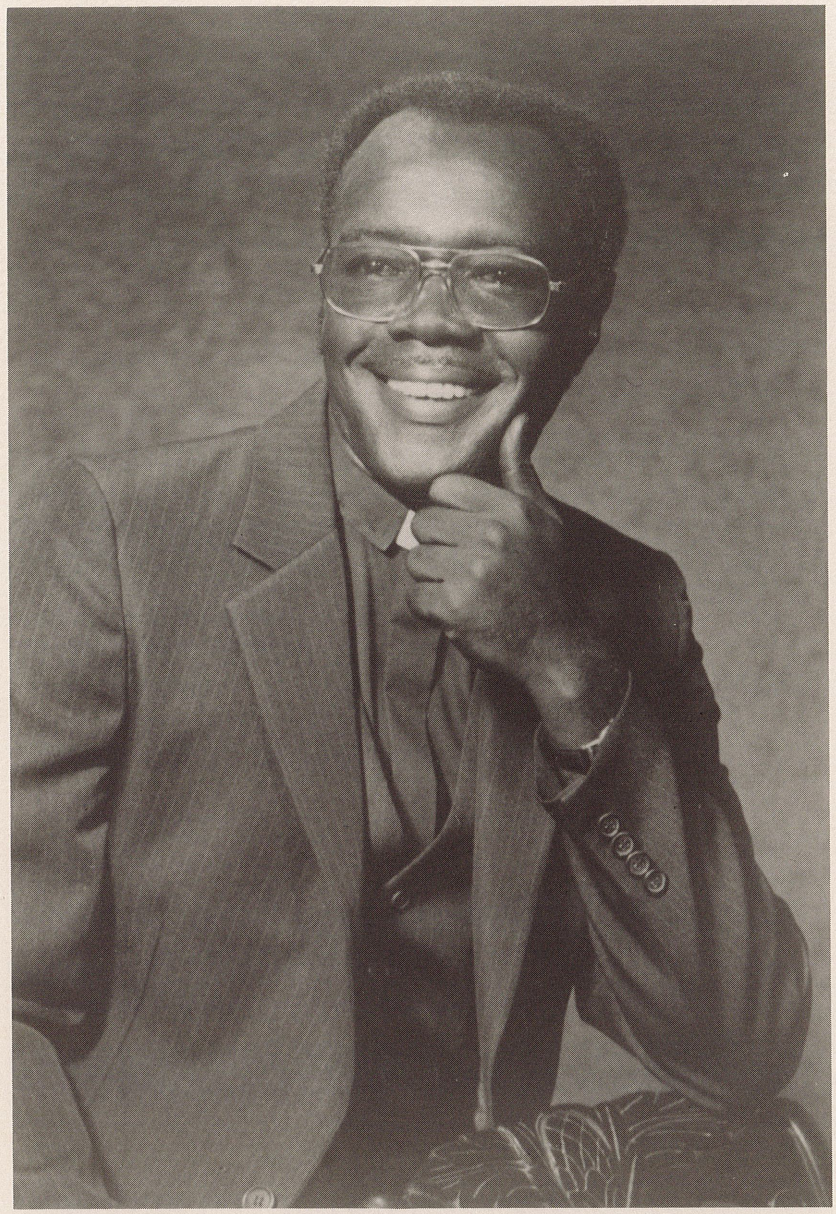


In the fall of 1980
Father Thomas James, SVD took the helm of Verbum Dei as its third principal. Under Father's creative and innovative leadership, Verbum Dei continued to prosper and grow as an intergral part of the Watts community.

Growing up on a farm in St. Martinville, Louisiana, Father James, or as he is more affectionately known, " TJ ", learned the value of persistence and hard work at an early age. His closely knit family engendered within him a strong sense of love and community which he brought with him to Verbum Dei.

With a strong belief in God and a keen awareness of the need to serve others, Father James was attracted to the Divine Word Missionaries and the priesthood. In 1965 he received a B.A. in Philosophy from the Divine Word College in Conesus, New York. After being ordained, Father continued his studies at Loyola University in Chicago. In 1967 Father was asked to teach and work at Verbum Dei. He came to the school with a fine reputation and solid credentials. Since that time Father has served as teacher, college counselor, vice-principal and most recently, as the principal of Verbum Dei High School from 1980 until 1986.

As principal, Father was determined to continue to hire a dedicated and talented faculty and staff. The new influx of women religious and priest helped Verbum Dei to grow and become a vital part of the



community. Like Father Francis and Fr. Robinson before him, Father was determined to help the young men of Watts and South Central Los Angeles become the best they could be. For many of the hundreds of young men who have passed through Verbum Dei, Father was not only a teacher and administrator, but he was a trusted and respected friend who offered guidence, advice, perhaps a little tuition break, and above all else, love.

In his commencement address to the graduating class of 1986, Father exhorted the young men to " be the best they could be and to follow their dreams despite all the difficulties there lie ahead. "

HISTORY

In 1960 as John Fitzgerald Kennedy, elected the first Catholic president of the United States, began to implement his " New Frontier," there still did not exist a Catholic high school in the Watts section of South Central Los Angeles.

Soon, however, responding to this long overdue need for a quality Catholic secondary school in South Central Los Angeles, his Eminence, Cardinal Timothy McIntyre together with the Society of the Divene Word Missionaries began the work of founding what has become one of the leading institutions in our community, Verbum Dei High School.

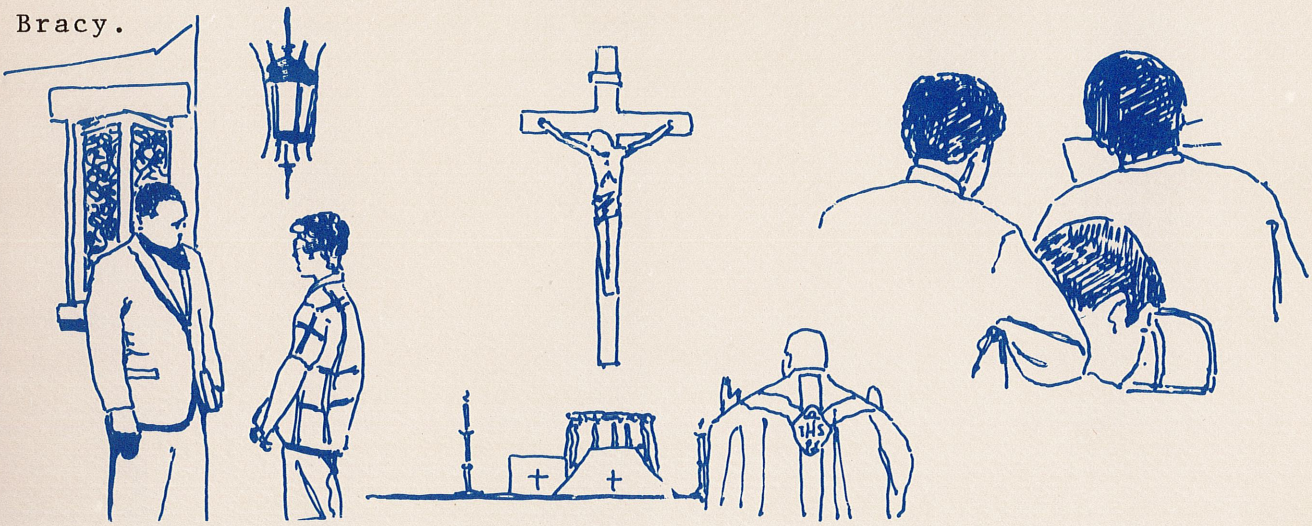
Six and a half acres of land was purchased from the Bliss-Loughlin Steel Company for the site of the new school. The construction of the school began during March of 1963. It is on this site at 11100 South Central Avenue that the school, which many consider an oasis in the inner city, was built. It was a great honor for Cardinal McIntyre to name Father Joseph A. Francis, SVD as the first and only Black priest to be principal of a Catholic high school in this country.

The urgency of its need in this community preempted waiting for the construction to be finished. And so

the school borrowed St. Leo's parish hall and accepted sixty-two young men. On September 4th 1962, Verbum Dei High School was born. S.V.D. Fathers Mark Figaro, Alex Hoefler and James Henry joined Fr. Francis as the school's first faculty.

A generation has passed since its birth and in those 25 years Verbum Dei has enjoyed a history rich with success and tradition.

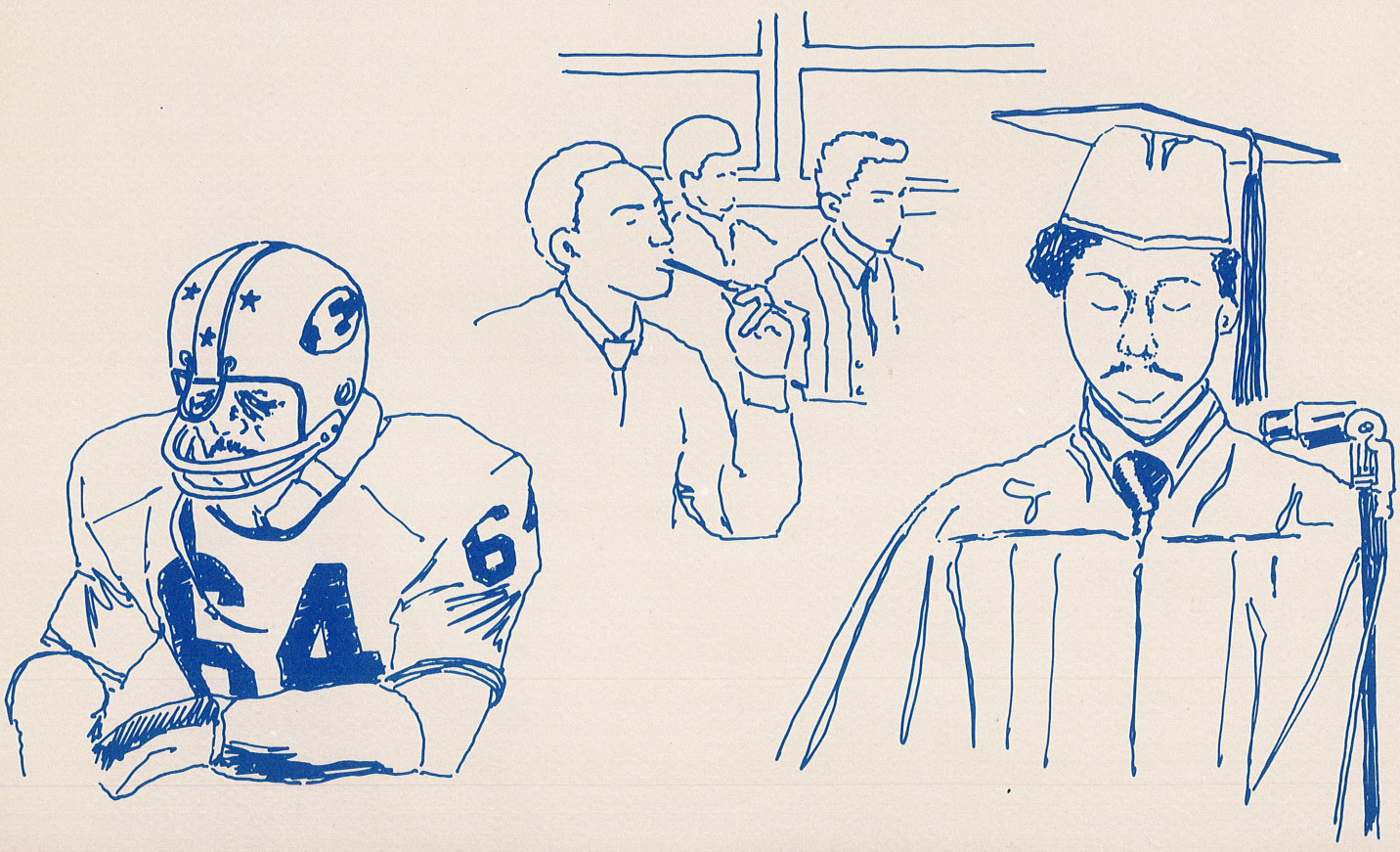
Immediately the neighboring community rallied around the school. The first booster club started in September 1962. Through its several years it was led by its first president Mr. Robert E. Lee. Whose name provides us with an interesting ironic twist in our history. The first group of boosters numbered seventeen and those seventeen were the embryo of what has become a long tradition of parent and community support. The club remains today under the leadership of Mr. Raymond Bracy.



The Religious dimension of the school has always been a cornerstone of the school's life. On March 2nd 1964 all the students filed into the multipurpose room to attend the first Mass celebrated at Verbum Dei. Fr. Francis was the celebrant and freshmen Pedro Valencia and Peter Quintana served that first Mass. On May 1st Fr. Singleton celebrated the first Mass on Vebum Dei's outside alter in the area which is now our senior square. Since then school liturgies have become a regular part of student life. Retreats also have become an annual part of the school's program. To this day students still make an annual retreat at the Divine Word Seminary in Riverside.

Two of the school's most enduring traditions began in February 1965. On February 15th students received their class rings for the very first time, and because of the hard work of Fr. Francis Shigo, S.V.D. who conceived the idea and made the initial design students received their first school jackets on February 24th. Dennis Lopez, a student artist, designed the school logo which has been used often since.

Curriculum changes have taken place often in the school's first generation. The school has constantly adapted to the needs of its students and to the changes in state and university requirements. However, through all the changes its academic philosophy has never changed. Students are still being prepared for college or for the rigorous demands that they will face after high school. Throughout its history over 70% of Verbum Dei graduates have gone on to college; an amazing statistic in a part of the city where fewer than 50% of the students graduate from high school. Verbum Dei graduates have gone on to the most prestigious universities in the country. They have graduated from Berkeley, U.C.L.A., Stanford, Yale, Columbia, Northwestern, Santa Clara, Loyola and U.S.F. to name a few. Emile Wilson a graduate of Verbum Dei and Seattle University became the school's first Rhode's scholar in 1975.



Almost from the beginning Verbum Dei enjoyed a Cinderella success story in athletics. The school has been constantly featured on National broadcast for its athletic success in the midst of its academic environment. The success story began dramatically as the basketball team won an unprecedented an unparralled 6 C.I.F. Championships from 1969 through 1975. During that period they were selected National high school Champions 3 years in a row. Since then the school has added numerous league and C.I.F. Championships including two successive C.I.F. Football Championships in 1981 and 1982. Hundreds of Verbum Dei graduates have attended college on athletic scholarships and several prominent athletics have started here. Eagle basketball fans have been treated to the likes of Keith Batiste, Raymond Lewis, Lewis Brown, David Greenwood, Roy Hamilton, Leonell Marquetti, Maurice Williams, Kenny Fields, Clarence Richardson and Kevin Williams. Fans of Eagle's basketball have enjoyed watching William Stuart of the Atlanta Braves, Marvin Garrison of the Los Angeles Dodgers, James McDonald of the New York Yankees as well as Josh Barly, recently drafted by the Montreal Expos. Gridiron fans have been treated a rash of Los Angeles "super-eleven" picks in this last decade and others such as Hardy Nickerson of the Pittsburg Steelers and Vernon Maxwell of the Detroit Lions.

"If a boy dresses like a gentleman, he will act like a gentleman," Fr. Francis was quoted as saying. Discipline and dress code have been a staple on every Verbun Dei graduate's menu. While fashions have constantly changed over the last 25 years, the dress code has remained uncompromisingly the same. Students have always worn dress shirts, ties, dress pants and dress shoes. Proper dress along with a strict discipline code has served to prepare Verbum Dei men for the demands of life outside high school.

Computer report cards were initiated in November 1968. Since that time computers have been used on and off for various purposes; but today Verbum Dei has moved firmly into the computer era. A new computer center was built in 1986 ane every student now has the opportunity to develop his computer skills. A healthy blend of traditions and new programs make up the Verbum Dei of the second generation. Rigorous academic demands supplemented by numerous extra curricular activities is

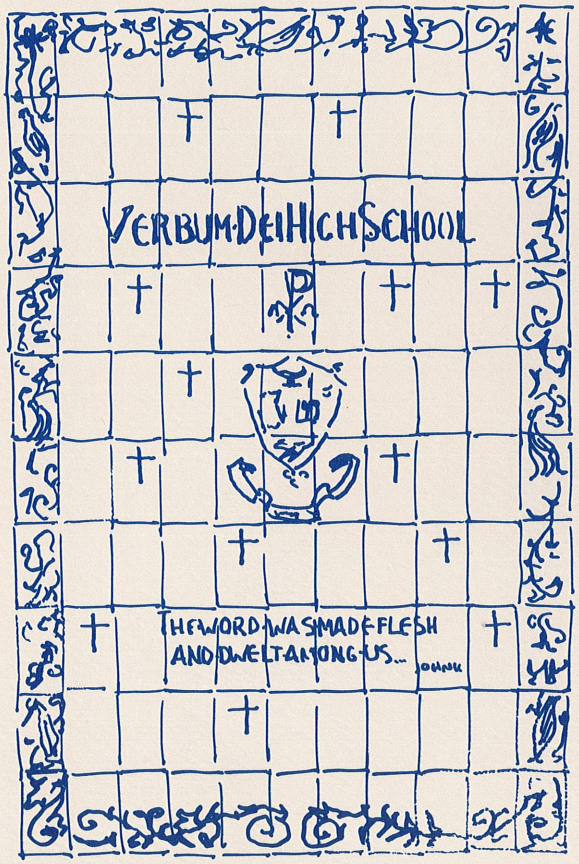
still the norm for a Verbum Dei Man. Homecomings, dances, Black History festivities, and Cinco de Mayo, retreats, liturgies, plays, newspapers, music and Mrs. Harris' cooking are still significant parts of the Verbum Dei students day.

The school that began with 62 students under Fr. Francis' leadership in 1962 now has a student body of 370. In 1962 Fr. Fisher J. Robinson became the school's second principal and he served as its leader for 13 years. Under his leadership the school came into its national prominence. During his tenor it solidified into a respected institution in the community and expanded to almost its present enrollment. In 1980 Fr. Thomas James became the third principal. Under his leadership an advisory board was begun to give financial stability to the school during times of rapid inflation. He was a leader in raising teacher salaries to a level that would insure a stability of outstanding teachers. Under his leadership other religious orders were invited to share in the Devine Word's Apostalate. In 1986 Fr. Steve Nejasmich became only the fourth principal in the schools 25 year history. He takes leadership as the school enters its second generation.



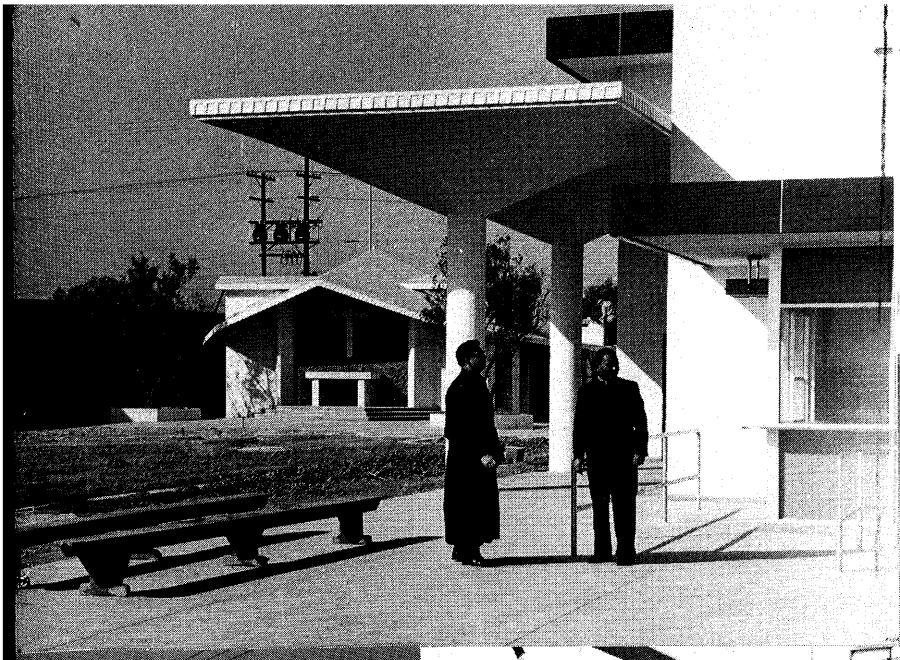
An alumni coming back home will have no trouble recalling the past. The beautiful buildings still stand. Fr. Hoefler, Miss Raisola, Lalo Mendoza, Mrs. Webster, Bob Mendoza, Fr. Shigo are just a few of the old faces still giving their lives to the school. Many alumni have sons presently enrolled and are going through life at the Verb for a second time. The successes of the last generation inpire the hopes of the school's next generation.

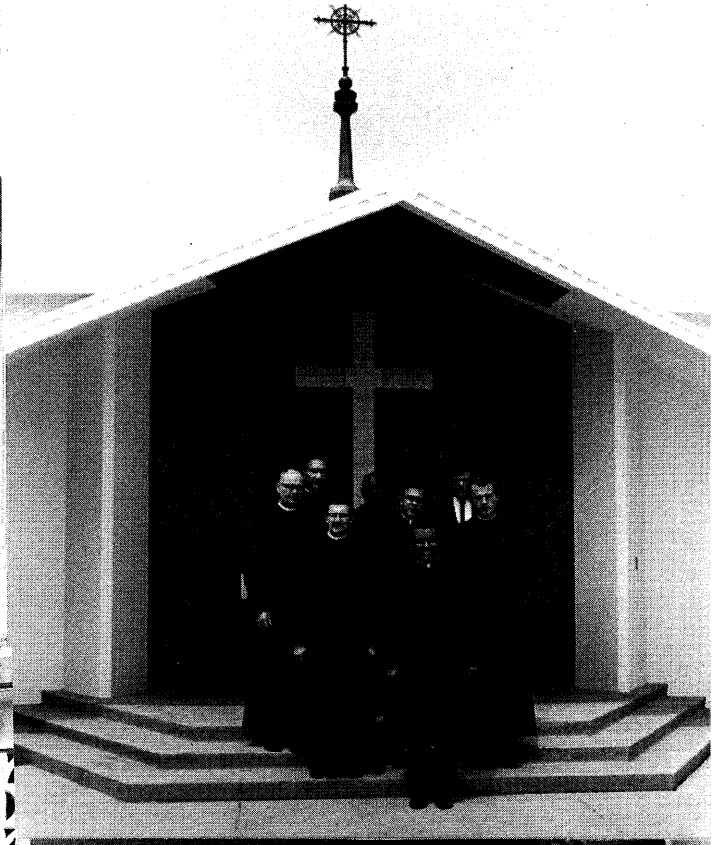
Ronald Reagan is now President of the United States, Fr. Francis is now an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey. Fr. Robinson is now a Vicar. The Watts riots are long past but the economic conditions of South Central Los Angeles are still dismal. The need for Verbum Dei remains as urgent today as it was 25 years ago. The school continues to develope Christian men ready to cope with the challenge of another generation.

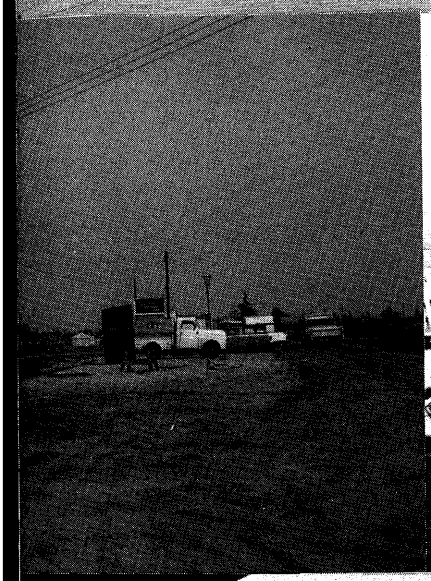


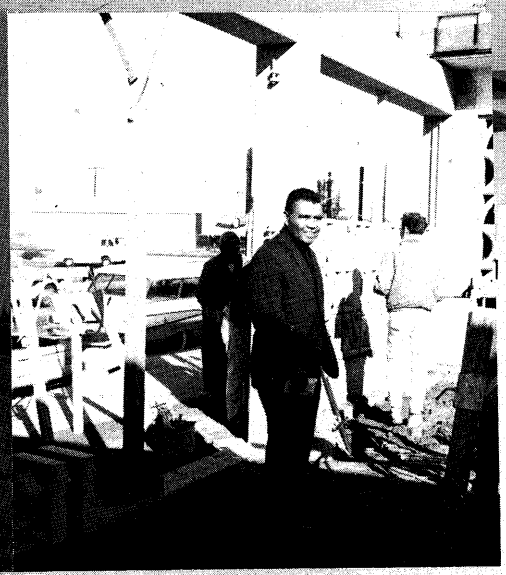
More than anything else,
it is the students who make up a high school. Their dreams, hopes and work are the lifeblood that flow through a school's veins. Their pride in the school, achievements in the classroom and battles on the field and courts have created a unique high school--Verbum Dei.

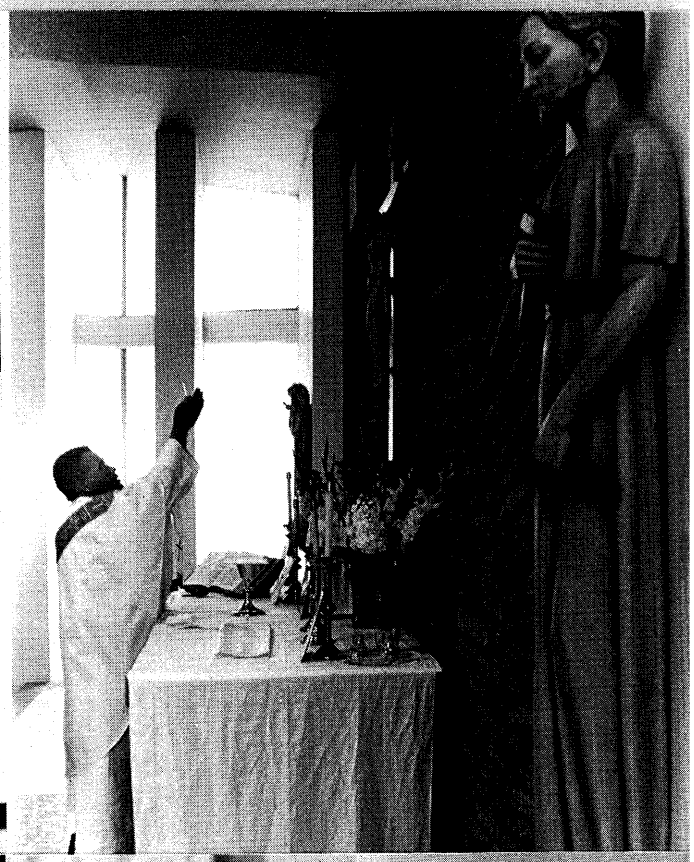
As we begin our second generation, we are indebted to those who went before us, and we are grateful for all the time and effort the students put into making Verbum Dei the special place it is today. We dedicate these pages to the real spirit of Verbum Dei, the alumni and students.

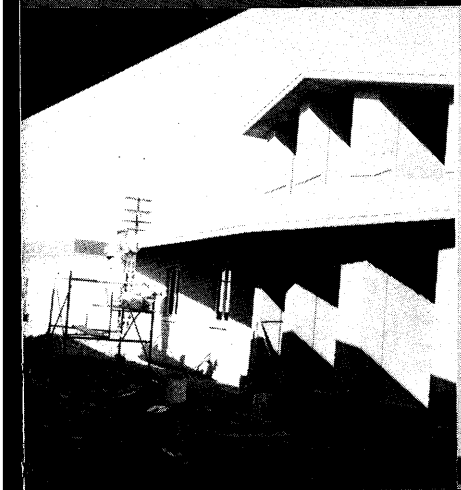




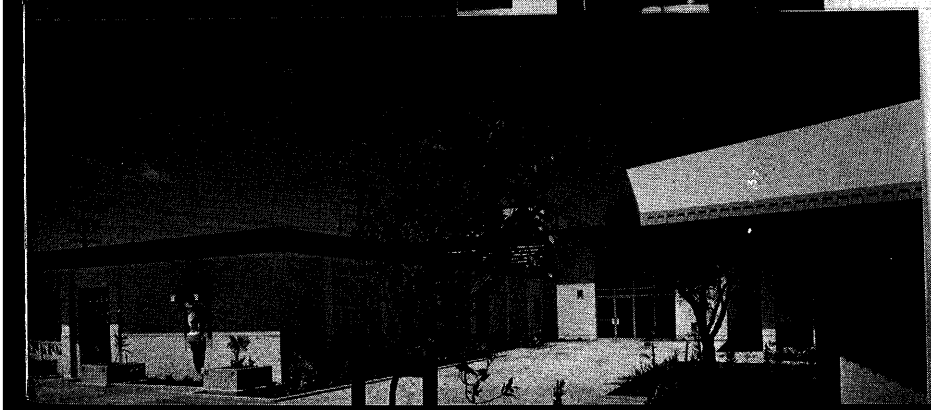








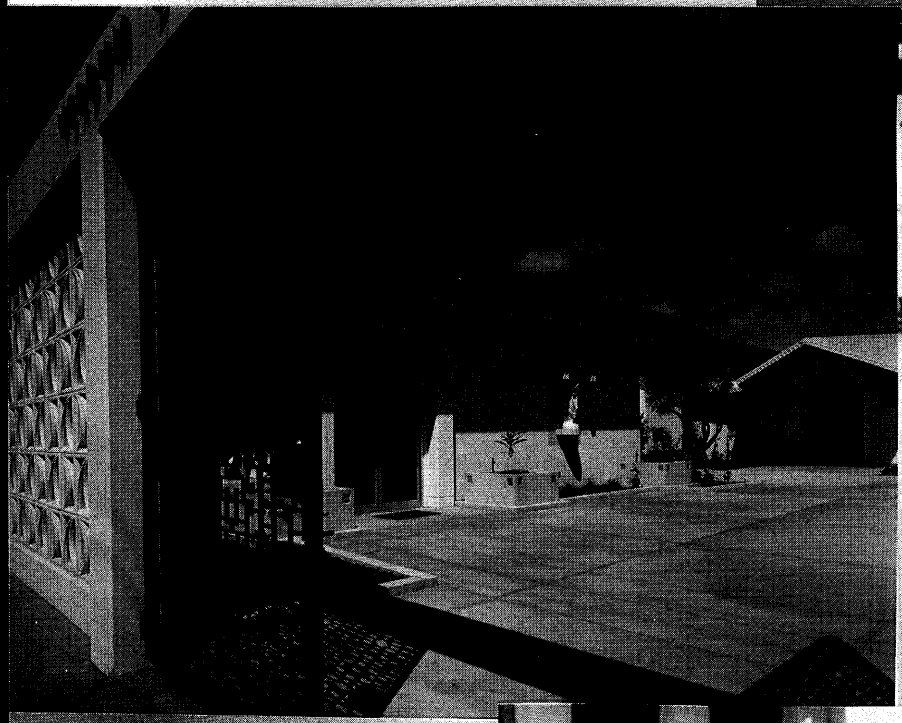


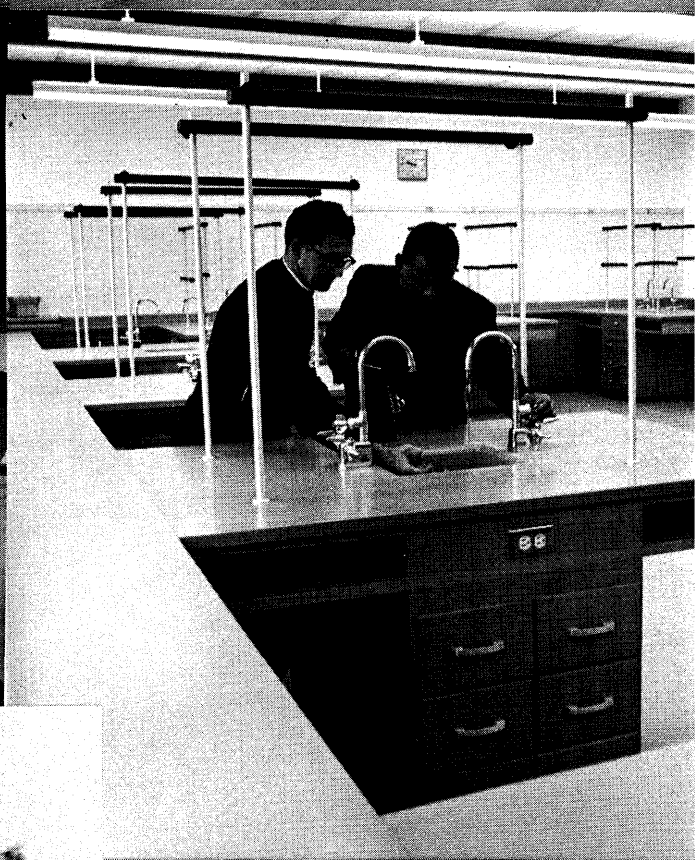






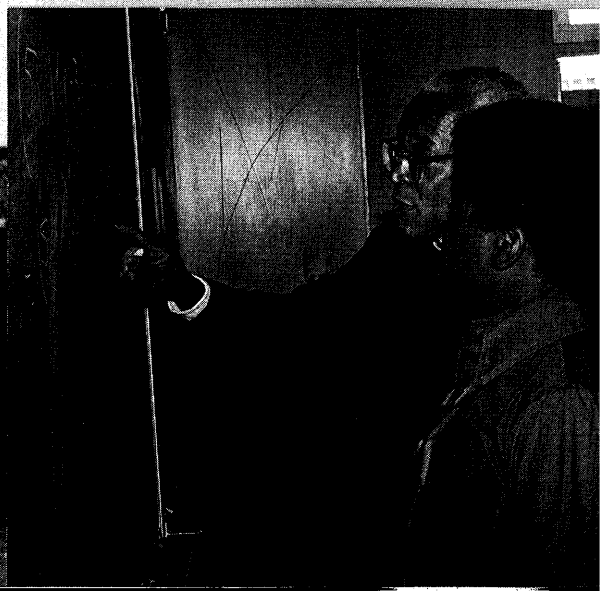


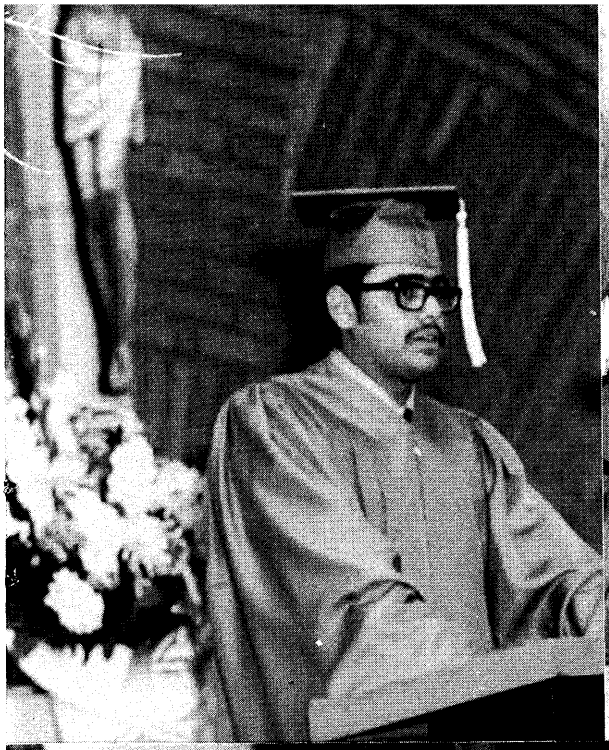








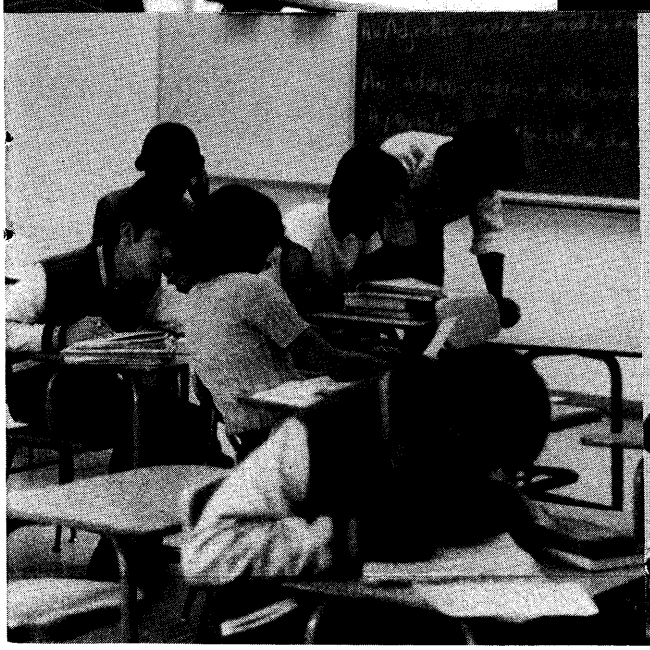






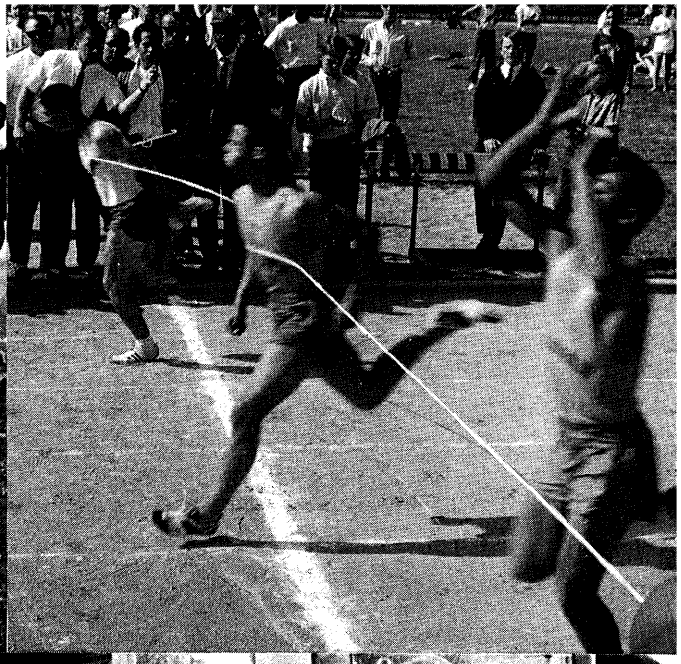




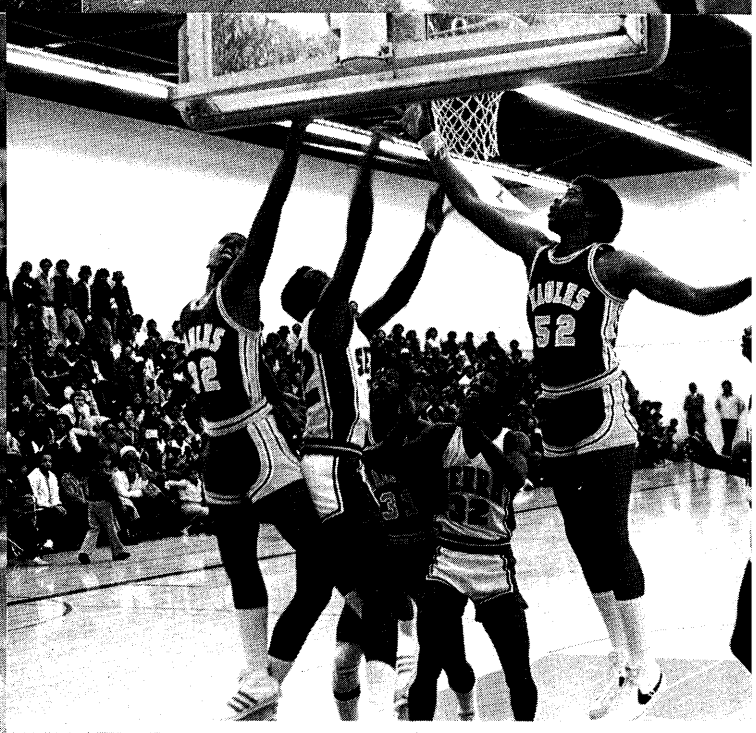




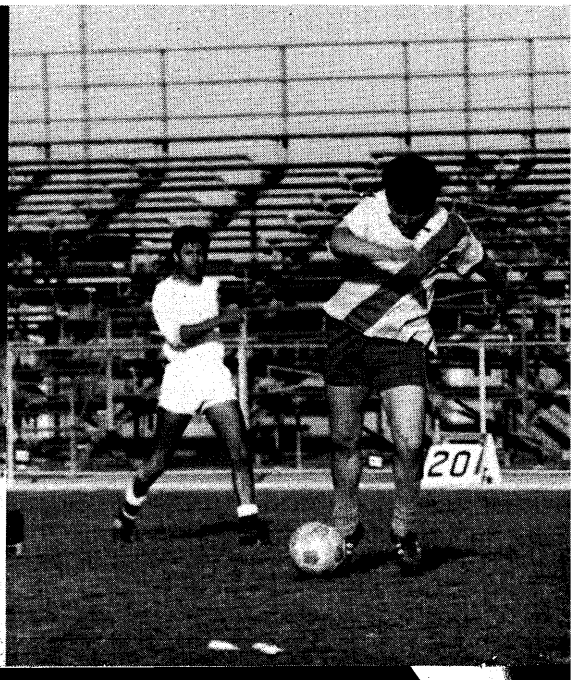




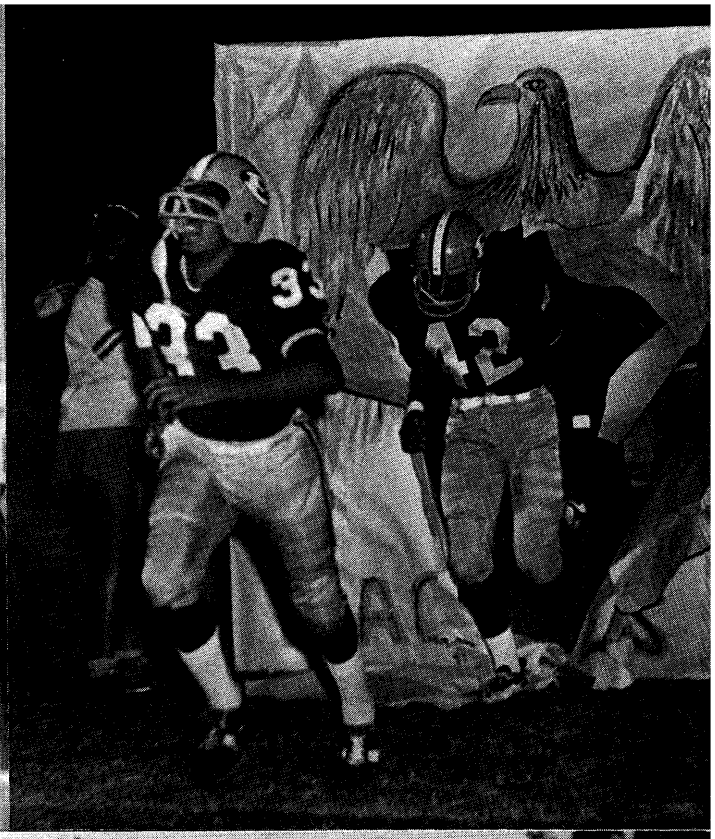


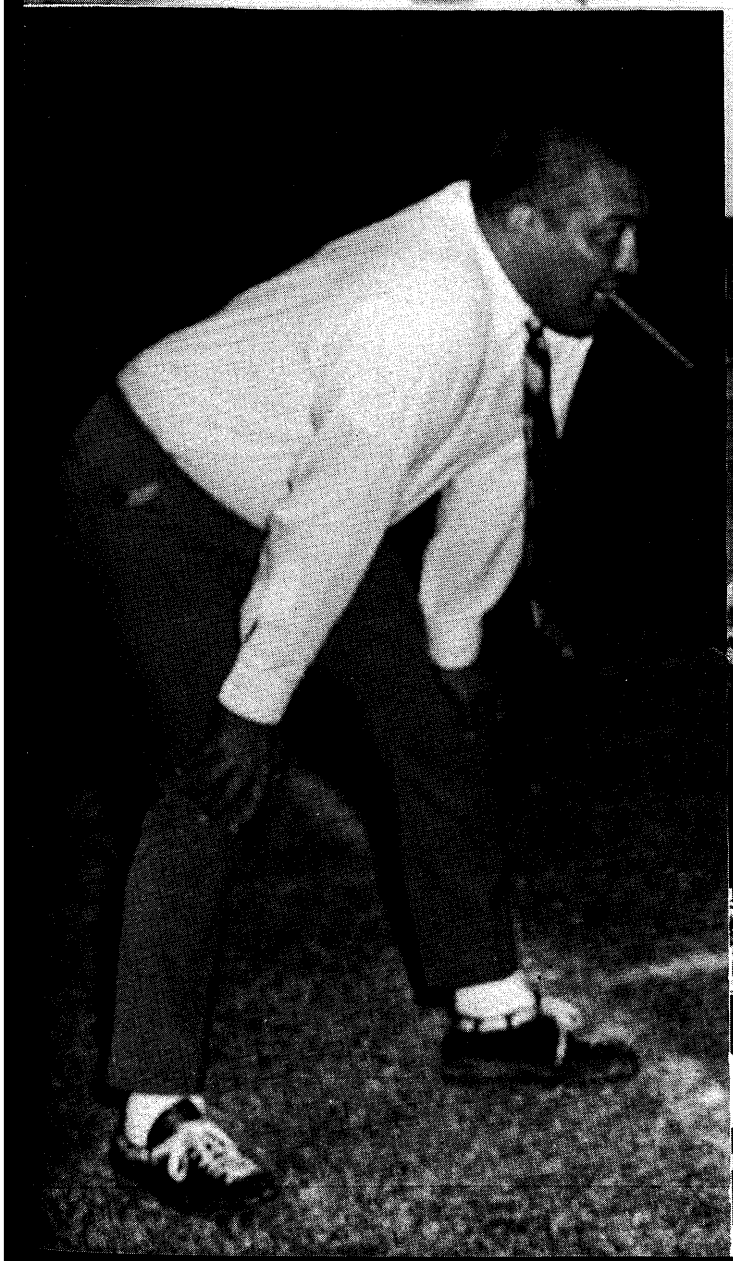


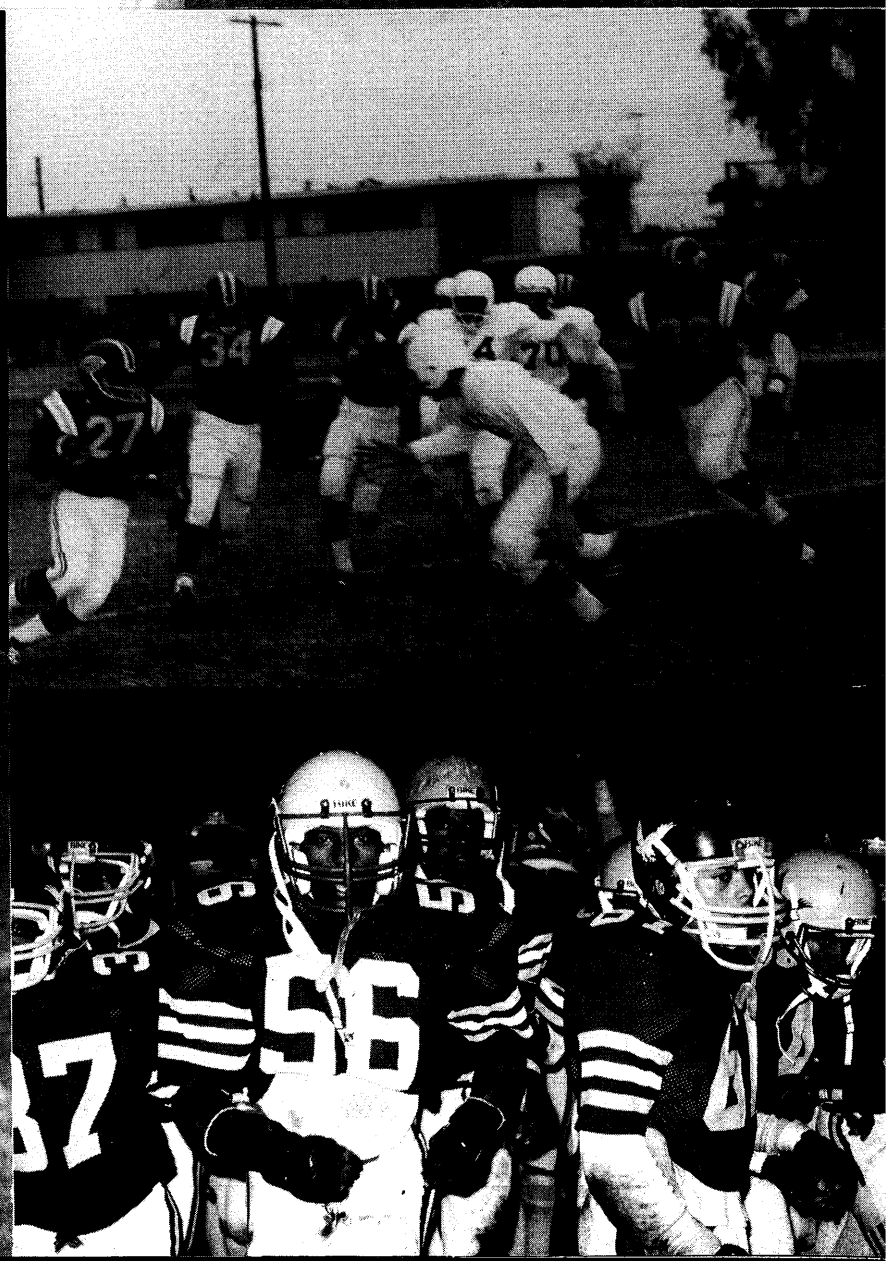




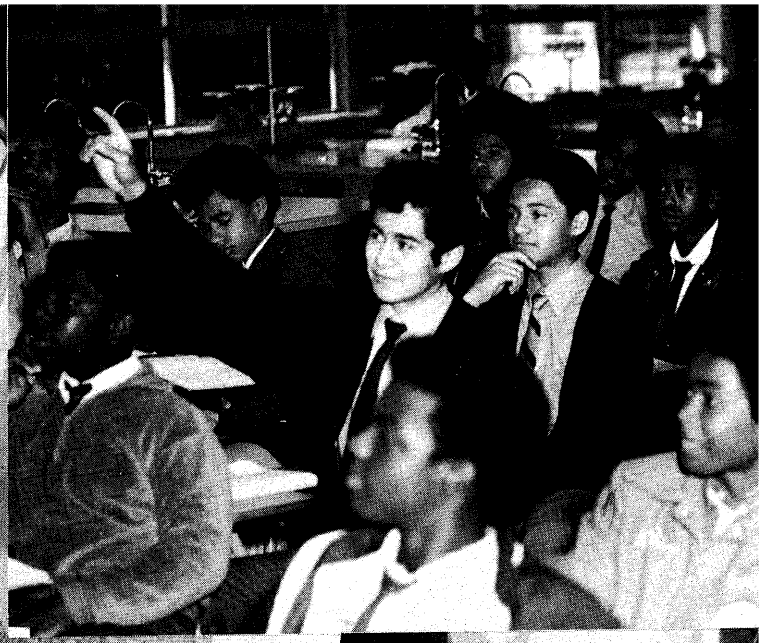

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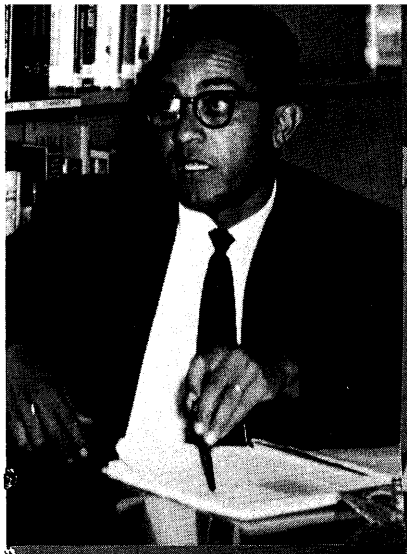




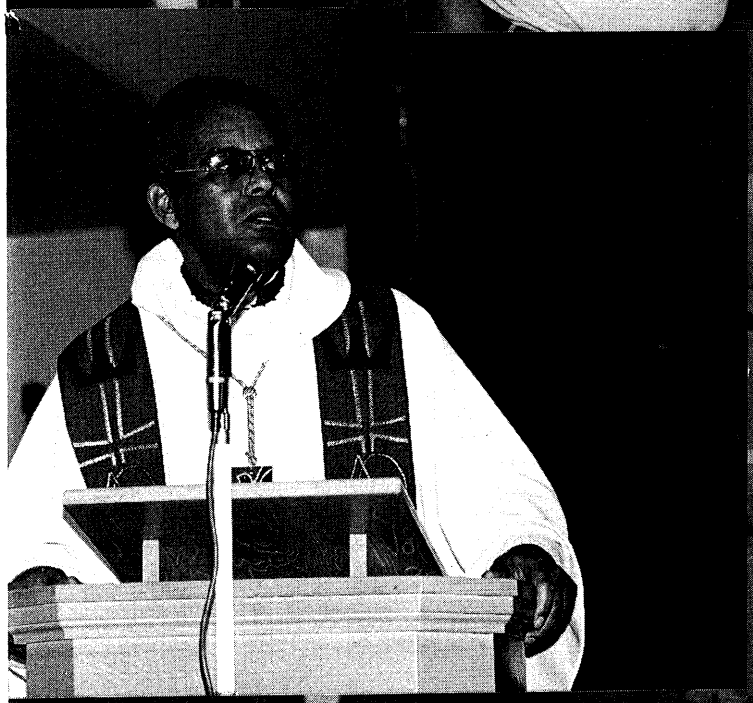



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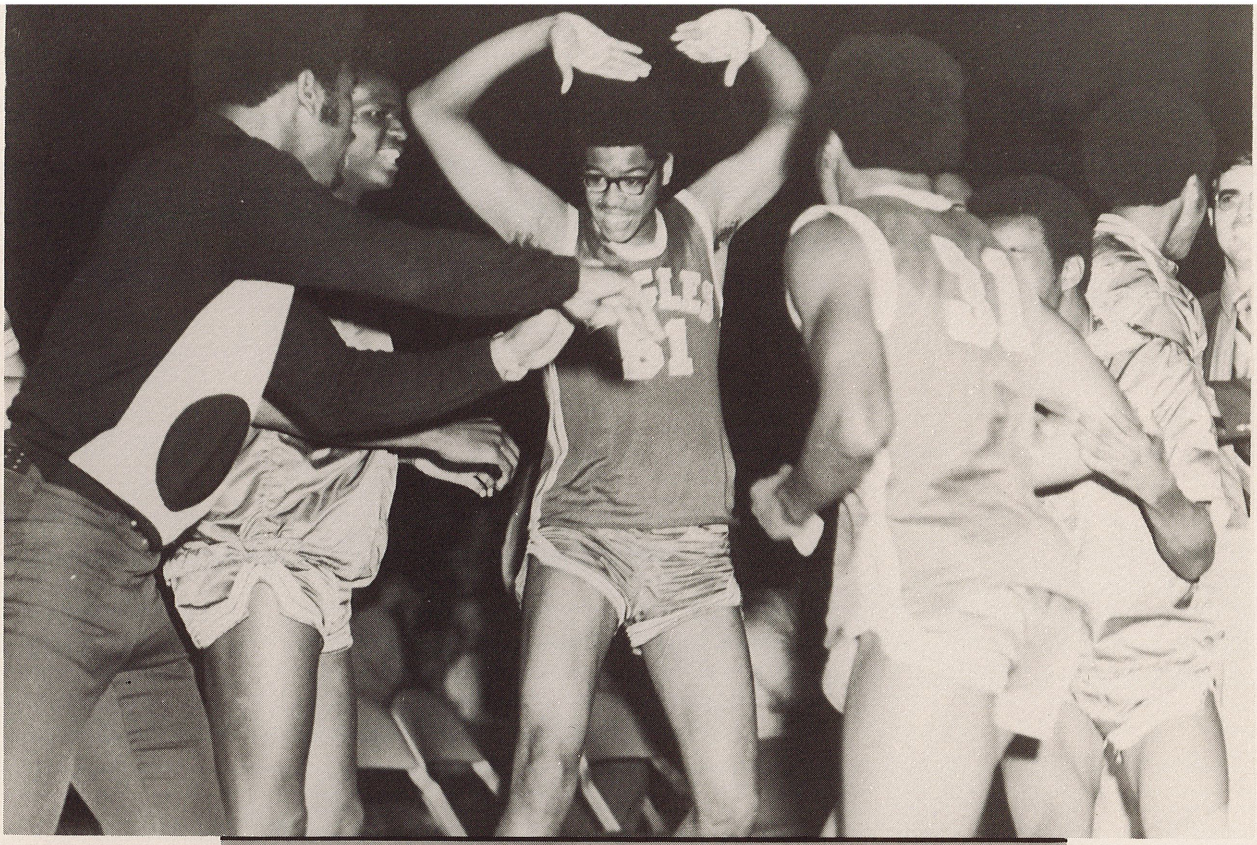

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FACULTY MEMBERS OF VERBUM DEI

Verbum Dei has been blessed with a tradition of excellent and dedicated faculty members who have committed their lives to the education of its young men.

The following pages are dedicated to all the faculty members who have tried to embody and spread the Spirit and Word of God to this last generation of students. In doing so we also ackowledge some of the many who have spent most of the last 25 years with us.

Father Alexander Hoefler, S.V.D.
One of the original faculty members. He has remained throughout the school's first 25 years. Father Hoefler has shown his versatility as a teacher in Mathematics and Religion. He remains as one of the spiritual leaders of the school.

Mr. Lalo Mendoza

A coach and teacher at Verbum Dei for over fourteen years. Mr. Mendoza is currently the schools Athletic Director, Track and Varsity Football Coach. He has directed the Eagles to numerous league championships and C.I.F. Southern Section Titles.

Father Francis Shigo, S.V.D.

Except for a six month tenure as Divine Word Provencial, he has served at Verbum Dei on a continous basis for the last twenty-four years. He has taught classes, worked in the administration and can presently be found running the financial office.

Father James Henry, S.V.D.

Serving as one of the driving forces of the original members of the faculty, he was with the school from the very first days at St. Leo's Parish. Father Henry would serve as the school's first Vice-Principal, thus laying a strict tradition for others.

Sister Philomene Breemans

A Science teacher at Verbum Dei since the early 1970's, she has become one of the fondes members on campus. Sister Philomene has enlightened many students in the world of science, and is currently the Science Department Chairperson.

Mr. George McQuarren

Nuturing a young group of players into contenders, he exceeded even his own expectations. The Verbum Dei Basketball Program would receive national attention under his direction, winning the first of many C.I.F. Championships. He can be found these days coaching at the Cal State Fullerton Titan Campus.

Mrs. Julie Behrens

After completing her initial year as a teacher at Verbum Dei in 1976, she would renew her committment to the students for another ten years. Commanding the respect of each class, Mrs. Behrens exulted the aura of a true educator.

Mr. Keith Smith

Verbum Dei is thankful for the many years this professor in the field of Mathematics has given of himself. The field of his expertise is as exacting as the man himself. We appreciate an individual of Mr. Smith' caliber serving on the staff of Verbum Dei.

Mr. Claude Childs

A teacher in the field of Science and Mathematics, Mr. Childs would enlighten each student to the wonders of our world. The students were drawn to the wealth of knowledge he offered to them. Finding free time was a premium for the Dean of Discipline as well.

"SOME KNOWLEDGE OF THE PAST, AND VISIONS OF THE FUTURE..."

STAFF MEMBERS OF VERBUM DEI

An administration stands by its support system. The pins that hold the unit firmly together, rely on a draduated curve of mutual strength.

Over the first generation of Verbum Dei, the school has been graced by the many efforts put forth by the loyal persons that act as the school's foundation. Here are some that were with us the longest.

Mom and Pop Taylor

Mom and Pop have been with Verbum Dei from the very first days of the school. Though Mrs. Taylor has passed on to the Lord, Pop Taylor can still be found active today in Sunday Bingo.

Mrs. Elizabeth McConnaty

Starting with Verbum Dei when the school was in its infancy Mrs. McConnaty was the first librarian at the schools library. Her first year of service to the school was in 1969. She would also offer her advice to the newspaper and yearbook staffs.

Mr. Edward Weise

Extending the education of the students into the college faze was the responsibility of the guidance counselor. Sharing his experience with those who asked, and those who simply needed, many a young student has an education thanks to Mr. Weise.



Mrs. Betty Harris

One of her lasting contributions to the Verbum Dei campus can be found in the form of the ever famous "chili-fries" and "burritos." She has supplied thousands of lunches to the students of Verbum Dei over her many years.

Ms. Rebecca Raisola

From the very opening days of the school, Ms. Raisola has offered everything of herself to the benefit of Verbum Dei. Holding all battle lines together in some resemblance of harmony, she has continued to play an intergral part of laison. These days she is acting as the Administrative Assistant at Verbum Dei.

Mr. Joe Taylor

Continuously working each Sunday, at the school's Bingo games, Mr. Taylor has offered his services for most of the first generation of Verbum Dei. His initial services were described as, but not limited to, the school's bookkeeper.

Mr. Milton Baltiere

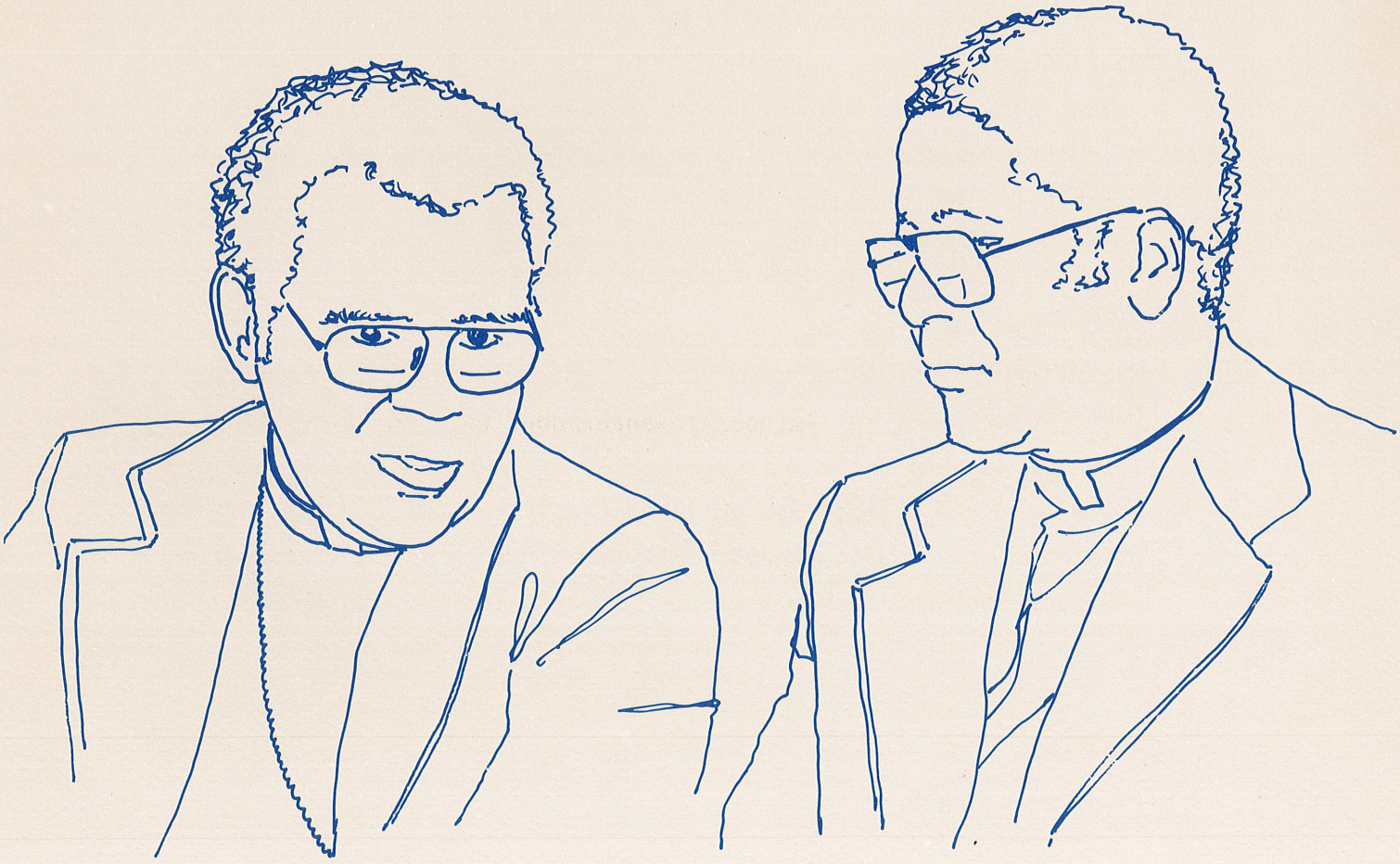
From the years of the infancy of Verbum Dei back in 1963, through the many changes implemented by his final year, 1980, Mr. Baltiere could be found walking the halls of the Verbum Dei campus. His prescence was complimented by his relation to the students and the rescpect they showed him.

Mrs. Oleatha Webster

Coming to the school in the 1975 school year, she has witnessed may of the transformations Verbum Dei has made. Mrs. Webster can be found today working as always, in the main office at the Verbum Dei campus she would see her son graduate from.

Mr. Les Rouzan

Mr. Rouzan has led Verbum Dei in many ways. Of the more enduring of traditions at Verbum Dei, the Sunday Bingo games, he has faithfully directed it from its very inception. The precision at which the event operates is in direct relation to the care and dedication he extends.



"THE WORD MUST BE SPREAD TO THE COMMUNITY OF THE GOOD..."

FRIENDS OF VERBUM DEI

As a family is extended through friends not related by blood but by Spirit, so too a school's family includes many friends who were not students, faculty or staff.

Verbum Dei has been blessed by hundreds of parents, community members and friends who have spread its Spirit by their hard work and contributions. The following are some of the multitude of people who have joined our extended family.

Mr. Henry Salvatore

Both a friend and benefactor of the school, Mr. Salvatore was very active in initiating the first Verbum Dei scholarship program. Thanks to his support and hard work, the academic standards are open to all.

Mr. Jerry Jackson

As a Los Angeles area attorney, Mr. Jackson is also the President of the current Board of Advisors. As both a friend and a supporter to the school, his advice and guidance is greatly appreciated.

Mr. Don Newcombe

A former major league baseball pitcher for the National League Western Division Los Angeles Dodgers, he remained as one of the driving forces in the inaugural scholarship drive at Verbum Dei. Much of the success can be attributed to his presence and earnest support of Verbum Dei.

Mr. John Stevens

Mr. Stevens is a Vice-President at Annhauser-Busch. He represents his contributions in the form of Annual Sponsorship of the Verbum Dei Golf Tournament. The tournament is a great importance to the school, and has quickly become a tradition each term.

Sister Cecelia Seymour

Through the years, she has prepared hundreds of students at St. Malachy's Parish School to enter high school. The groundwork she offered to each of her young pupils would translate into an extension of the Verbum Dei Philosophy. Each of her students were prepared for the secondary education ahead of them, and thank Sr. Seymour for that.

Mr. Al Sparlis

A Vice-President of Caldwell Banker, he is a current member of the Board of Advisors. Mr. Sparlis is a constant supporter and advisor of Verbum Dei. He remains a "drive"-ing force at the annual golf tournament.

Mr. Leston Stallworth

A former president of the Verbum Dei Booster Club, he has seen his son's graduate from our campus. An annual scholarship is awarded each school term in the honor of Mr. Leston Stallworth. His contributions to the school may never be fully realized, but shall forever be appreciated.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE EFFORTS
OF MANY DEDICATED PERSONS



The Bishop Francis Award has been established on the Twenty-fifty Anniversary of Verbum Dei High School to honor those persons who have made outstanding contributions to the work of Verbum Dei High School.

The award has been named after the school's first principal. Those honored by this award are judged to have contributed to helping Verbum Dei enbody the spirit that Bishop Francis sought to create.

The Award will be presented annually at the school's commencement exercises.

The first recipients of the Bishop Francis Award given on the celebration of the school's anniversary are:

Harry Thompson
Jerry Jackson
John Stevens
Al Sparlis
Henry Salvatori

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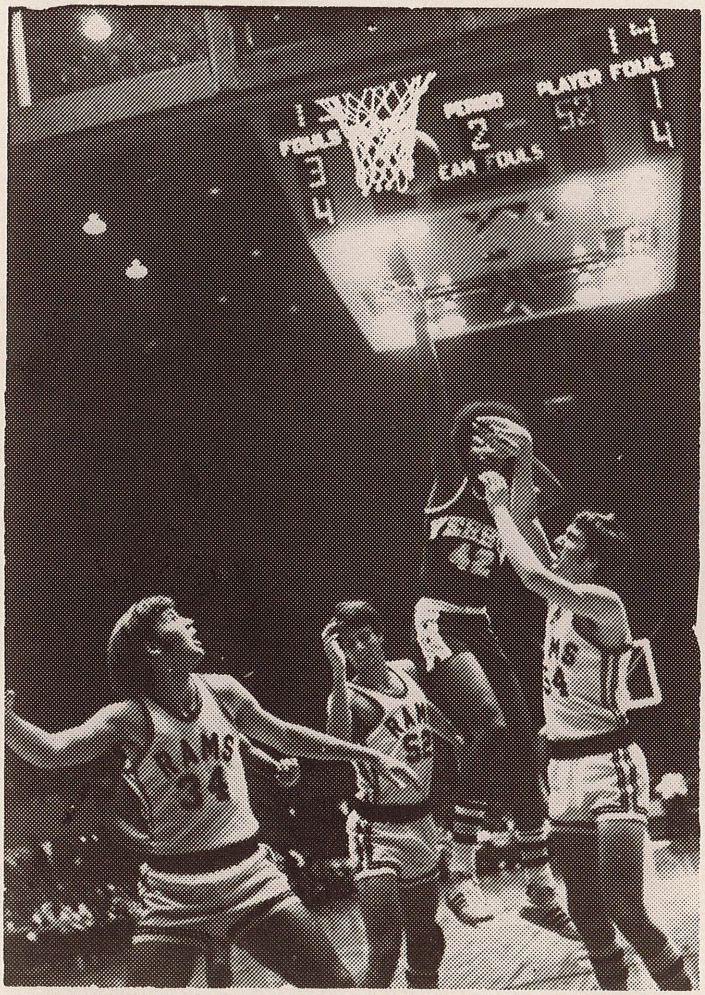
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BEST OF LUCK AS YOU ENTER YOUR SECOND GENERATION

DAVID GREENWOOD
CLASS OF '75



ENCIRCLEMENT POLICY? — Surrounded by Millikan defenders, Verbum Dei's David Greenwood leaps for layup. He had 24 points and 20 rebounds.

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.....developing minority (Blacks, Hispanics, Vietnamese) vocations,

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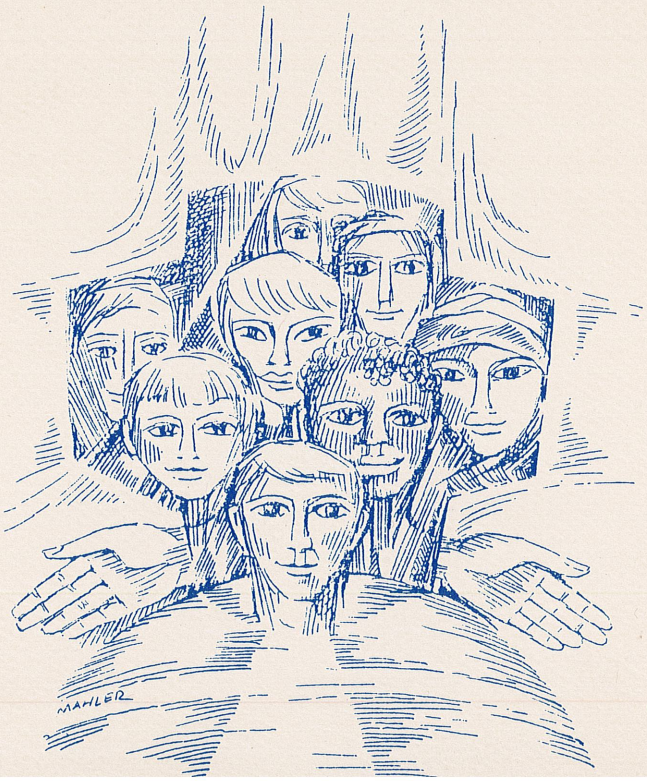
.....serving parishes of minority Catholics,

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