

Bernie LeVasseur Bio

St. Mary's College September 1964 - June 1968

I graduated in 1968 in the last Graduation Class in College History. Relocated thereafter to Holy Redeemer - Windsor. Left Holy Redeemer in June of 1970 for Windsor University Campus. Married Dawna in August 1972 and am still married to the same Dawna. Graduated in June of 1973 with a Bachelor of Social Work Degree. First child Colleen was born in May 1974. Returned to University of Windsor in September of 1974 and completed Masters of Social Work Degree in August of 1975. Second child Kristin was born in March 1976. Bought first home in Windsor in 1977. Third child Andrew was born in November 1978. Bernie was always quite a pill. Dawna never took "the pill".

Worked one year at the Essex County Children's Aid Society (1973-74). After M.S.W. graduation in 1975, worked 26 years at Catholic Family Services Windsor providing Individual, Marital, and Family Counselling services to community residents. Took a one year sabbatical leave to do a fellowship at Chedoke McMaster Hospital (1984-85). Left there a Jolly Good Fellow! Resigned from Catholic Family Services in May of 2002 for a one-year sabbatical. In April 2003 I started my own counselling service called Divine Mercy Counselling Centre. This service integrates faith and prayer into the counselling experience and is client centred. After 26 years of work it seemed to be the logical way to proceed and my sense is that it is needed and wanted by many.

Since leaving Brockville, I haven't spent a lot of time in sporting activities, although I still find time to swim 3-5 times per week. Hobbies include wood working and "fixing stuff". Got too busy with life and responsibilities to stay really active in sports. So I'm dysfunctional! Who isn't these days?

I have 5 grandchildren, one girl and four boys. Major growth areas in the last 35 years are my waistline and my faith (in that order).

I am looking forward to the reunion with great relish, and now that it is imminent, my jubilant cry is Hot Dog! I will mustard all the energy I have to be there - and will do so God willing.