

# **Jim Barnes Bio**

## **Class of 1966**

Following three years of Philosophy (and English) at Holy Redeemer College I ended up at the Faculty of Education, University of Toronto B graduating in May of 1970 with a BEd. I was fortunate to be given a job at my old alma mater, Neil McNeil High School, a Catholic High School run by the Irish Holy Ghost Fathers. Five years later I moved slightly east to become Head of the English Department at Cardinal Newman High School which shares the campus and buildings of Saint Augustine's Seminary in Scarborough. I have been there ever since.

I married Julianna Rau in 1980, and God has blessed us with six children. Julie is currently working for St. Elizabeth Visiting Nurses. Our children are at various stages in their education: Matthew (22) has just completed third year at York studying English and general arts; Anne Marie (21) has just finished second year at UofT in Maths and Sciences; Kathleen (19) is also at UofT having completed her first year in PhysEd; Mary Anne (17) will be entering grade 12 in September; Michael (14) will be starting grade ten and Emma (10) is looking forward to grade six.

I currently keep busy coaching girls field hockey, boys softball and the swim team. I convene, coach and referee the under nineteen co-ed house league soccer division for a club in Scarborough and sit as Vice-President of the Scarborough Soccer Association. I also volunteer as an umpire in the local baseball league. I continue to serve as secretary of OECTA-TSU B the local unit representing the Catholic High School Teachers of Toronto.

At my parish of Our Lady of Fatima I volunteer as lector, Eucharistic Minister and am one of the instructors in the RCIA program. For a number of years, Julie and I were on the team of instructors for the parish's Marriage Preparation Course.

My life has been blessed and I am indebted to the great foundation I received at St. Mary's College. *Introibo ad altare Dei* B how true our motto reveals itself today. We are all called to the altar of God B in various ways and continually throughout our lives. I am reminded of the old song sung to the tune of the Notre Dame fight song: "*Three cheers for CSsR, God bless the gang wherever they are Y*" Indeed, God bless us all who had the good fortune to call St. Mary's home.