



Board of Regents Presents: A Tribute to Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J.

The Canisius College Board of Regents presents the **Regents Scholarship Ball: A Tribute to Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J.**, on Saturday, May 8 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. BlueCross BlueShield of Western New York is the presenting sponsor of the event, which will recognize Father Cooke for his civic, cultural and economic contributions to Western New York. This will be the only community tribute to Father Cooke hosted by the college.

During Father Cooke's 17-year tenure, he transformed Canisius from a local commuter college into a regionally-prominent residential comprehensive university through the strategic pursuit of high-quality academics, faculty, facilities and students. Under his leadership, Canisius has invested more than \$142 million in 24 major building projects, including \$67 million in eight residence hall projects.

Chairs of the 44th annual Regents Scholarship Ball are Board of Regents member **Vincent Mancuso '68, MBA '77** and his wife, Patricia, as well as Board of Trustees member **Acea Mosey '92**. Proceeds raised from the event provide financial support to promising young students who otherwise would not be able to take advantage of a Canisius education. Last year's Regents Ball raised a record \$116,000.

Opportunities are now available for individuals and corporations interested in serving as sponsors of the Regents Ball. Tickets are also on sale. Contact **Marion Mittler**, director of donor relations and special events, at 716-888-8217 or visit the Web site at www.canisius.edu/regentsball, for more information.

Student scholarship recipients joined their respective donors for the college's annual Endowed Scholarship Mass and Brunch on October 25. Canisius President Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J., celebrated Mass. Students and benefactors served as lectors, Eucharistic ministers and gift bearers. Privately endowed scholarships benefit approximately 700 Canisius students each year.

Seated (l-r): Angela Potter '11 (recipient of David M. Gentile '72 Memorial Scholarship and Rev. Peter J. Martin '31, S.J. Memorial Scholarship), JB Walsh '55, Greg Norris '12 (recipient of Greatest Generation Scholarship)
Standing (l-r): LTC. Carmen Gentile '68, Jonathan Gentile, Celia Schaefer and Robert Schaefer



Annual Report of Donors

Canisius College ended its 2008-2009 fiscal year with \$13.4 million in voluntary support; its second best year ever after its record-setting 2007-2008 results. The college is enormously grateful to its loyal alumni, friends, corporations and foundations, who continue to make Canisius a philanthropic priority. Without this support, the college's success would not be possible.

The 2008-2009 Annual Report of Donors is now available on the college's Web site. Visit www.canisius.edu/magazine and click on the annual fund link at the left.

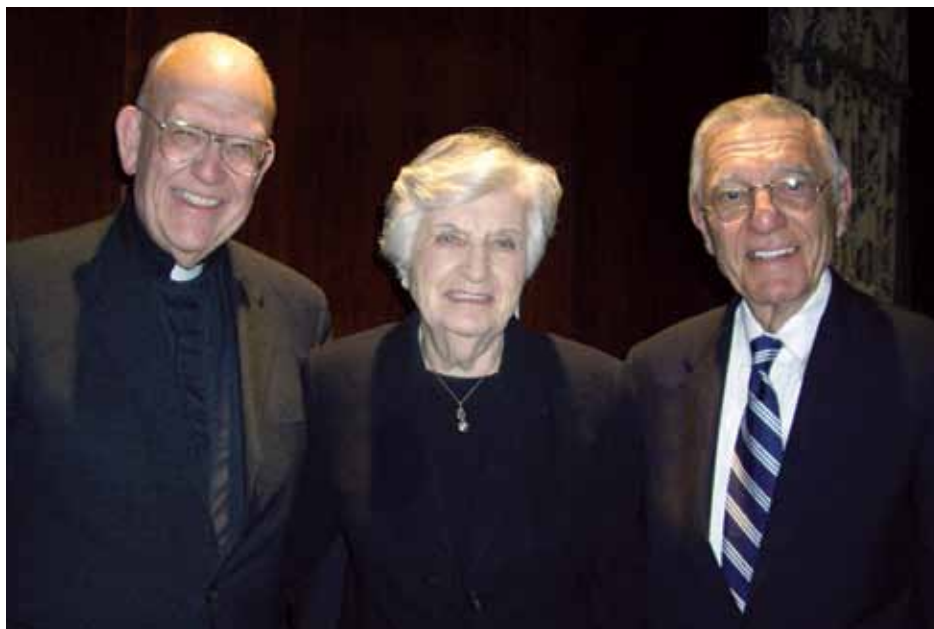
Campaign Update

As of December 1, Canisius College has secured \$69 million in commitments toward its \$90 million goal for *A Legacy of Leadership: The Campaign for Canisius College*. To learn more about *A Legacy of Leadership*, visit www.canisius.edu/campaign.



Thomas G. Smith '71 hosted a wine tasting event at his Keuka Lake home in September for members of the Fidelis Circle. The group sampled wines from Rooster Hill Vineyards, which was founded and is owned by Canisius alumni Amy E. (Kelly) '82 and David W. Hoffman '86. The Fidelis Circle is comprised of donors who commit \$1,870 or more to the annual fund per year, for five years.

Pictured (l-r) are: Tom Smith '71, Paul '72 and Mary Jo Sawyko, and Mary Lou and Dan '72 Palumbo.



Nearly 40 alumni and friends of Canisius gathered at the New York Athletic Club in New York City for a special evening to honor Canisius President Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J. Hosted by Dennis F. Strigl '74, president and COO of Verizon Communications and John W. Rowe '66, HON '98, MD, professor of Health Policy & Management at Columbia University, the event was one of several planned in select cities to commemorate Father Cooke's tenure as the 23rd president of Canisius College.

Pictured (l-r) are: Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J. and Marie and Leo Futia '40, HON '09

1950s Alumni: True to Their School

When it comes to volunteers at Canisius, alumni from the 1950s are among the finest fund-raisers. Year after year, they serve on class reunion committees, and solicit classmates and other alumni in support of the college's annual fund. In their way, they collectively say, to give back to the institution that gave so much to them.

"I wouldn't trade my Canisius education for anything," says **George Dixon '58**. As the 1950s decade chair, Dixon coordinated the successful efforts of more than 150 alumni who, in the past 10 years, raised \$10 million for the college's annual fund, endowment and capital campaign. "The friends I made and the lessons I learned are priceless."

Many alumni from the 1950s decade served in World War II or the Korean War, and believe those experiences combined with their Canisius educations provided meaningful insight on how to view the world and their roles in it.

"We owe our success to Canisius, specifically to the Jesuits who had a profound impact on our lives in terms of integrity, ethics and morality," says **Don Barnett '50**. "The Jesuits set a great example and so we volunteer because we want to give back," adds **Joe Scully '54**.

Even now, after every 1950s class has celebrated its 50-year reunion, the alumni continue to not only lend their support but to also inspire a new generation of future Canisius alumni.

"The campus has changed a lot in 50 years but it's great to see that the value of a Canisius education endures," says **Rachel Bradley '11**, a student annual fund caller who works alongside 1950s volunteers. "The volunteers from the 1950s are mentors and they remind us that we have an obligation to keep the Canisius tradition alive."