

# DEDICATION

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## To a Generous Soul . . .

Christopher Kearney, a St. Francis alumnus from the class of 1960, arrived here in 1969 as a newly ordained Capuchin priest. His devoted service to the school has spanned over a decade and a half, and it is almost impossible to put into words the debt of gratitude owed to this humble servant of the Lord.

As a teacher, he has taught a number of subjects, including Biology (his field of expertise) and Astronomy, with a style and flair all his own. As an administrator he has served as Vice-Principal of the school, and as Alumni Director, with a myriad of other responsibilities attached. As a priest, he has assisted in the parish of St. Elizabeth's in Altadena on Sundays, where his cheerful grin and charming disposition have long been appreciated, for they bring a certain warmth to the liturgies he celebrates.

But his most dedicated work has been done outside of the limelight. For years now, he has managed the "snack shack," which has evolved from an over the counter snack and drink stand to a state of the art vending machine complex which provides the students with a plethora of food and drink items. He plants and cares for the beautiful landscaping around campus with his very pronounced "green thumb," as well as heading the maintenance team. And each summer, it is he who revamps the campus and gets it ready for another year with the help of the summer work crew, comprised chiefly of S.F. students. And of course we could not leave out fire drills, as he is also our campus Fire Marshall.

The list of this one man's contributions to this school could go on for pages. But what about the man himself? He is a warm and loving man who always has a cheerful "Hello — Hello" for everyone he greets. **And if one is not careful, he may find himself engaged in a friendly "wrassling match."** Nothing seems to get him down; rather, adverse situations give him strength to do the work he enjoys, and even that which he doesn't enjoy. He is not a complainer; he is a quiet leader who commands respect by the very nature of his being. He is truly a **Golden Knight**.

*Dear Fr. Christopher:*

*We, the Editors of Alvernian 1984, wish to dedicate our work to yours. We speak for the entire school when we say **THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE.** May God continue to bless you as you do his work.*

*Respectfully,  
The Alvernian Editors*

