

# Vietnam War Memorial Re-Dedication

by Mario Scipioni '09

On Thursday, May 22, the Mount hosted an event paying tribute to Mount graduates who put their lives on the line for our freedom. The Vietnam War memorial behind the flagpole at the football field was re-dedicated. This special ceremony was planned to take place outdoors, but due to the inclement weather that day, the re-dedication occurred in the gymnasium. The entire junior class was in attendance for this event.

The ceremony began with an introduction from Dr. Miserandino explaining why this event is so special. His introduction was followed by Mario Scipioni's reading of "Welcome Home," a poem by Gary Jacobson. After that, several Mount students, including a few from the junior high, read the names of the Mount graduates who lost their lives in the Vietnam War. As the names were read, a rose was placed down on a small table for each soldier. Melvyn Romero from the Bronx Borough President's Office stopped by to give his thoughts on this special ceremony. The ceremony concluded with Ms. Rivera singing "God Bless America" and a blessing from Bishop Dennis Sullivan (Class of '63).

The entire Mount community gives thanks to the brave graduates who risked their lives for us:

Lt. James F. Burke USA '62

PFC Martin J. Conrad USA '63

PFC Michael J. Cunnion USMC '63

SP4 Thomas E. Grix USA '64

Lance Cpl Michael J. Kehoe USMC '64

Capt. Ned N. Loscuito USA '56





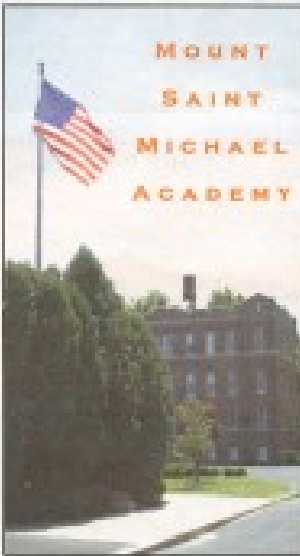


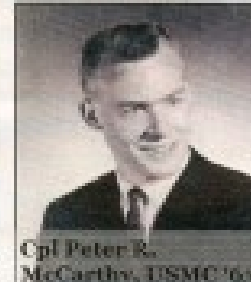
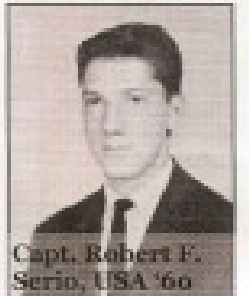
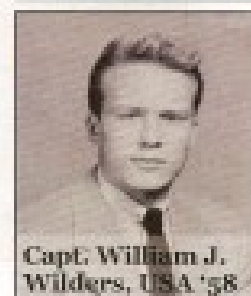
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PROGRAM

**Vietnam Memorial Rededication Ceremony**

 Lt. James F. Burke, USA '62	 PFC Martin J. Conrad, USA '63	 PFC Michael J. Cunnion, USMC '63
 SP4 Thomas E. Grix, USA '64	 MOUNT SAINT MICHAEL ACADEMY	 Lance Cpl Michael J. Kehoe, USMC '64
 Capt. Ned N. Loscuito, USA '56	<p><b>THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2008</b></p> 	 Cpl Peter R. McCarthy, USMC '63
 Capt. Robert F. Serio, USA '60		 Capt. William J. Wilders, USA '58

Original Dedication Ceremony by the Class of '63 -  
November 5, 1967



**GROUP PRAYER**

God of the ages,

We thank You for all who have served in the armed forces of this country.

We thank You for the freedom their sacrifice has earned and guarded for us. Help us to prize this freedom and use it well.

We ask You to bless all living veterans in a special way today, as well as the families of all veterans.

Comfort those who grieve for those who gave the last full measure of devotion.

Strengthen those who bear physical, emotional, and spiritual wounds.

Stand with those who provide care to them.

Move us to reach out to sisters and brothers who are veterans, or relatives of veterans, or who currently serve in the military.

We pray for the day when no one needs to serve in the military. Help us to live now in anticipation of that day, as people who long for peace, who pray for peace, and who seek to be peacemakers in this world.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**By: Mark Roberts**

**Welcome** Dr. Anthony Miserandino, President

**Poem** Mario Scipione

**Blessing of the Memorial** Bishop Dennis Sullivan '63

**Reading of the Memorial's Alumni Names**

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**New York City Sanitation Bagpipers**

**U. S. Army Honor Guard**


**Melvyn Romero** -Representative, Bronx Borough President's Office

**Group Prayer & Song - "God Bless America"**

**Final blessing—Bishop Sullivan**

**Closing—Dr. Miserandino**

God Bless America,  
Land that I love,  
Stand beside her, and  
guide her  
Thru the night with a  
light from above,  
From the mountains,  
to the prairies,  
To the oceans, white with foam  
God bless America, My home sweet home,  
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## VIETNAM MEMORIAL REDEDICATION CEREMONY

### *Tradition of Excellence*

The Mount Saint Michael Academy tradition is clearly defined in its motto "Nil Sine Per Ardua" ... Latin for "To the Stars Through Difficulties." The motto informs to students that their high school experience will not be easy, but it will be satisfying and rewarding. Since 1926, the Mount has prepared more than 17,000 young men for college and ultimately for life. Its high educational standards and excellent extracurricular programs are among the best in New York City.



**Special Thanks to all who have contributed to this important day, especially:**

Bishop Dennis Sullivan '63

NYPD Chief Tom Partell '77

Francis O'Keefe '68 & Mark O'Brien—NYC Sanitation Department Bagpipers

American Legion Post 1122 Charles N. Bagart, Jr.

T. McCarthy '62 donated American & POW/MIA flags

Robert Costabile '66 donated American Flag, in memory of his father,  
Lt. Victor Costabile '39 WWII Veteran

Davis Studios

Bronx Borough President, Adolfo Carrion's Office



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