

O'Dea High School Hall of Fame: Class of 2024

Peter Bacho '68



As the child of immigrant parents, Peter grew up in migrant worker camps and Seattle's Central District. He was the first in his family to graduate from high school. Following that, he graduated summa cum laude from Seattle University and earned two law degrees from the University of Washington. He has served as a staff attorney for the US Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, has written for major foreign policy journals, and has been an editorial contributor to the Christian Science Monitor, where he specialized in Philippine politics and covered issues ranging from politics to war. He is currently a faculty member at The Evergreen State College.

Peter is the author of seven books: *Cebu*, *Dark Blue Suit*, *Boxing in Black and White*, *Nelson's Run*, *Entrys*, *Leaving Yesler*, and *Uncle Rico's Encore*. His books have received several awards, including the American Book Award, Murray Morgan Prize and a Washington State Governor's Writers Award. Seattle University Named him the Distinguished Northwest Writer in Residence in 2005. The University of Washington named *Cebu* as one of the top 100 books written by a UW writer between 1906 and 2006. The Northwest Asian Weekly honored him as a literary "pioneer".

Uncle Rico's Encore, published in 2022, is a collection of autobiographical essays and short stories about growing up in Seattle's multi-ethnic neighborhoods, and documents his years at O'Dea. The book is a tribute to Filipino Seattle and a love note to the community. History News Network described the book as "A welcome addition to a mostly overlooked history. [Bacho] shares vivid glimpses from his life and from the Filipino community in Seattle that are certain to enrich readers and add a new perspective on the history of the region."

Peter is a longtime advocate and supporter of O'Dea and believes that of all the institutions he has been a part of, his time at O'Dea has had the most profound impact on his life.

Very Reverend Michael G. Ryan



Father Michael G. Ryan was born in Seattle and attended St. Anne's grade school. He graduated from high school at St. Edward's Seminary in Kenmore and received a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy from St. Thomas Seminary in Kenmore. He attended the North American College in Rome, completed his graduate theological studies at the Gregorian University there and, on December 17, 1966, was ordained a priest at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican.

After serving several roles in the greater Seattle area, Father Ryan was appointed as Chancellor for the Archdiocese of Seattle and Vicar General in 1977. Then in 1988, he was appointed Pastor of St James Cathedral where he continues to serve. In 1994, Father Ryan oversaw the nationally acclaimed renovation and restoration of the Cathedral. Under his leadership, the Cathedral parish has grown, drawing people from more than 180 ZIP codes.

Fr. Ryan has held countless positions and holds honorary degrees from Seattle University and O'Dea High School, where his dad was a member of the first graduating class. But what sets him apart is his care and compassion for all people. He treats everyone with sensitivity and grace. He is a voice for those in need, speaking out on their behalf to create a welcoming world. He is an important part of peoples' families, baptizing babies, presiding over their confirmations and weddings, and ultimately, coming full circle to baptize their babies. Fr. Ryan is fully dedicated to O'Dea High School and understands the importance of an O'Dea education. His ongoing partnership with O'Dea has included many years of homilies with relevant and thought-provoking guidance to our students and staff, helping us remain grounded in our faith. He continually makes time to advocate for O'Dea and makes decisions to ensure our future.

Father Tim Sauer



Father Tim is a longtime pastor, community advocate, and leader, whose compassionate work has had a profound impact on generations of people throughout the Archdiocese of Seattle. Ordained in 1976, Fr. Tim has served as a pastor at a number of parishes including St. Theresa in Federal Way, St. Joseph in Ferndale, St. Anne in Blaine, St. Joachim on the Lummi Indian Reservation, St. Bridget in Seattle, Immaculate Conception in Arlington, and St John Vianney in Darrington. While now retired, he continues to be an active minister in pastoral care.

Father Tim is well-known for his tireless work to bring about healing after the Oso mudslide in 2014 that killed 43 people. He was active in attending to the needs of the community through the church and also served as chairman of the FEMA Long Term Recovery Group for two years. Father Tim was also instrumental in the events and process that led to the 2012 canonization of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, the first Native American saint. He was invited to Rome for the canonization.

Fr. Tim served as O'Dea High School's Campus Minister for twelve years, counseling students to provide invaluable guidance and establishing the Encounter Retreat Program in 1984. Encounter continues today with support from Fr. Tim and remains one of O'Dea's longest-standing faith-based traditions. The program provides powerful, grace-filled experiences to the lives of young men at O'Dea. Thanks to his efforts, students have now participated in over 100 Encounter retreats over the years.