

Fellow Parishioners,

My name is Mark Vaz and Fr. Tom has asked me to prepare a volume celebrating OLG's 75th Anniversary, which falls on September of this year. As some of you might know, I'm a professional, published author. I'll spare you the resume, but my "vision" for this proposed work begins with the working title *"People of Faith: 75 Years of Building Community at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church"*. While there will be a classic narrative forming the framework of this work, I envision the body of the story built upon the memories and stories of the parishioners themselves. I'll edit it all together, but I'm asking everyone to submit a statement, a story, a memory, or an anecdote. Your contribution might be a page or two, a paragraph, even a few sentences.

The topics are virtually endless—you might be part of a parish ministry, a teacher at the parish school—perhaps, you're a graduate of the parish school, or a parent with children enrolled at the school. Perhaps you're a member of long-range planning committees—a member of the parish planning council, the school board, or larger Catholic charitable organizations dealing with immigration, or the homeless. Perhaps you've experienced a miracle and want to share your experience of God's grace or have a compelling memory of one of our past pastors, or a story about the Parish Fall Festival, or any of our various fundraisers. And, of course, the effects of the Pandemic on your life and reflections on how OLG coped with it all.

Please prepare your 'copy', as we say in the trade, as soon as possible. Printed statements should be double-spaced. If you don't have a computer or printer, you may print it out by hand, just make sure it's clear and legible. Include your full name and contact phone number in case I have any questions. Then submit it to Jay at the Parish Office or put it in an envelope and slip it in the office mail slot. Please label your submissions to *"Mark Cotta Vaz/75th Anniversary History"*.

If you have any questions or need some encouragement/assistance on writing your story, call me at 510-582-4832.

God Bless and thank you,  
Mark Cotta Vaz

### **75th Anniversary Moment Question of the Week**

What was the name of the priest that gave you a Sacrament? or What was the name of the first Priest you met when you came to Our Lady of Grace?

