



The Flaget Museum

Xaverian Hall
St. Xavier High School Campus



Under the auspices of the Flaget Alumni Association

1942-1974

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WHO WAS FRANK REYNOLDS?

Recently a member of the Alumni Association wanted to know who Frank Reynolds was. Why was he one of the alumni whose picture hung on the wall of the museum? Why was his picture used on the poster that was made by the Alumni Association? Well, here is the long and the short of it. Frank Reynolds was born in Louisville in 1932. He learned to swim at Fontaine Ferry Park and entered competitive swimming at the downtown YMCA. He was a 1949 graduate of Flaget. While at Flaget he swam under the coaching of Brother Fabius of St. X. He earned state swimming honors setting records in the backstroke in both 1948 and 1949. He won a scholarship to the University of Louisville where he competed on their swimming team. He later received a swimming scholarship to Michigan State. At Michigan State he was named to the collegiate All-American swimming team. He left Michigan State with a BS in civil engineering. He joined the Army and was a member on their swim team. After the Army he toured the world working as a petroleum engineer. After retirement he settled in California where he was one of the founding members of the soon to be National Masters Swimming Program. As a member of this program he set records in the 100, 400, and 800 freestyle events. In 1987 he made headlines in the Louisville Courier being the oldest swimmer to swim the Catalina Channel, a twenty-two mile ocean swim. He served in a prison ministry and was involved in the restoration efforts of San Juan Capistrano Mission. Frank Reynolds was one of the original graduates inducted into the Flaget Hall of Fame in 1953. Frank died in 2014.



As always the museum is accepting donations of vintage Flaget memorabilia for display in the museum. Please bring anything you may have to any luncheon, drop it off at the museum, or call me if you need help in getting your donation to the museum. Sports programs, trophies, and all types of Flaget items are wanted. If you have not visited the museum you might think about making a stop there, I think you will find it an interesting experience.