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## *Bringing Hope & Compassion*

### **In Memoriam: Cluny Affiliate, Paul Gagne**

Sister Anne Marie Liston

The word “righteous” was often used in literature, usually in a religious vein. It’s rarely used today. Yet, when I think of our good friend and Affiliate, Paul Gagne, it seems the most appropriate of titles.

Paul was a loyal parishioner of our parish, St. Augustin’s. He served the Newport community well in his lifetime as a firefighter, becoming Chief, and later, as General Manager at TJ Brown’s where he put to good use his leadership skills and other expertise.

A devoted husband and father, his love and pride were evident when he spoke of his wife and family. At the mention of his name, people would invariably agree, “Paul is a good man.”

I only got to know Paul after he retired and shared his time and skills in helping us, the Clunys, first as we sought a new abode and then made Javouhey House our new home. Paul knew what to do, or who could handle various jobs, and he was just a phone call away. Night or day we could rely on him. Locked in the elevator? Water pipe burst? Or simply too much clutter? Paul would know what to do, and how to make it happen.

Paul’s devotion to his faith was an inspiration. Not many people can witness to their faith so comfortably and sincerely. Listening to him I had the sense that he was really in touch with what he believed and at home with his God.



Photo: Sister Marie Cooper

**Paul Gagne on the day that he and Mary became Cluny Affiliates**

We cherish the memory of Paul’s friendship and as an Affiliate of our religious congregation. He will be dearly missed. He brought to our lives the goodness of his own beliefs and loyalty. God called our friend for a greater reward. He now humbly walks with his God and his beloved wife, Mary. Rest in peace, dear friend. May heaven receive the kindness you shared with us.