

## Our Alumni Speak...

"I moved into the St. Cajetan Parish in 1953 and have lived here my entire life. The great Christian values and fantastic education have served me well. My mother taught at St. Cajetan for over twenty years, and over thirty of my immediate family members are graduates of St. Cajetan School. I have been blessed with a career that has taken me many places and has introduced me to many people. I can honestly say that there are no finer people in this world than the great people of St. Cajetan Parish. I have always told my children and their friends that 'one should never trust a person with no friends from grammar school'. My very best friendships started back at St. Cajetan, and I consider myself blessed to call this great parish home."

- **Jim "Skinny" Sheahan; Director of Special Olympics Chicago; Chicago, IL; Class of 1960**

**"I moved halfway across the country and I now appreciate how lucky I was to go to a school so steeped in community."**

- **Claire Sheahan; DC Healthcare Communications Consultant; Washington, D.C.; Class of 1990**

*My first time in front of an audience was at St. Cajetan in Memorial Hall during a Christmas Pageant. I was told to sing a solo version of Silent Night. I remember being so scared I could barely read the words. But I got through it, and it was on that day at St. Cajetan I discovered what I wanted to do. I went on to Marist High School, UIC, and eventually The Second City. I currently live in Los Angeles and have appeared in over 100 film and TV shows. Thank you, Sisters!"*

"If it wasn't for St. Cajetan Church and grade school, I'm not sure I would be a priest today! I stand utterly grateful to God for putting St. Cajetan into my life. The teachers, Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa, and the parish priests were instrumental in my vocational discernment. The foundation of my faith, which I received from my parents, was further formed when I was a student at St. Cajetan. I celebrated my first mass at St. Cajetan on May 23, 1993. There is no better parish and school on the south side!"

- *Fr. Thomas J. Hurley; Pastor of Old St. Patrick Church; Chicago, IL; Class of 1981*

*The friendships I formed at St. Cajetan are what I treasure most. At our 40<sup>th</sup> year reunion there were people I hadn't seen in twenty years, some as long as thirty years, yet like long-lost brothers and sisters, we picked up right where we left off. But I think, more than anything, what I learned at St. Cajetan was to laugh and laugh and laugh... a quality as important as any in life. Warriors Forever!*

- **Phil Carlin; Transportation Director: ABC Studios and Walt Disney Studios; Burbank, CA; Class of 1974**

"My start at St. Cajetan has continually shaped me and kept me rooted in traditions of faith, family, and community. The academics prepared me for high school, college, and medical school, and I consider myself a person who thinks deeply and loves faithfully. My confidence in St. Cajetan is so strong, my husband and I now send our children there."

- *Moira McQuillan McGee MD; Family Practice Physician; Chicago, IL; Mother of Four Current Warriors & Class of 1988*

- **Mike Hagerty; Actor; Los Angeles, CA; Class of 1968**

"My wife and I went to St. Cajetan, as well as my parents and her parents. The sense of community and pride in this parish is outstanding. There is an amazing sense of connection and neighborhood roots. It has been one of the easiest decisions of my life to stay put and 'grow where I was planted'. St. Cajetan Church has always been a place to call home for me."

- **Robert J. Fitzpatrick DDS; Dentist; Chicago, IL; Father of 3 Current Warriors & Class of 1993**

"My St. Cajetan education provided me with the solid academic foundation and Christian values to succeed at the next levels of high school and college. Some of my best friends today are the result of relationships built during my grade school years."

- **Tom Smiles; Director of Engineering: A. Epstein and Sons International, Inc.; Chicago, IL; Class of 1974**

**"I'm choosing Catholic education for my children because of my wonderful experiences at St. Cajetan."**

- **Susan Lakawitch Doyle; Mom of Four; Palos Heights, IL; Class of 1993**

"I'm a class of 1966 alum and continued my Catholic education at Marist HS and then St. Norbert College. My St. Cajetan experience gained me lifelong friends and helped keep me grounded in my Catholic faith. I got into the same business as my dad- Tom "Insurance" Walsh- and have been fortunate to continue to build on his success. I remain connected to the St. Cajetan community through our extended family still in the parish, and I am appreciative of the great life lessons and values I learned as a Warrior!"

- Tom Walsh; President of TW Group Insurance & Financial Services; Downers Grove, IL; Class of 1966

"At St. Cajetan, students are taught to be respectful and compassionate. Emphasis is placed not only on academic achievement, but on moral and spiritual growth. Attending St. Cajetan has left me with a lifelong foundation for career, family, and faith."

- Carolyn O'Connor Dunleavy; Elementary Teacher; Oak Lawn, IL; Class of 1994

"My time at St. Cajetan prepared me intellectually, spiritually, and morally. As a high school teacher, I use many of the skills and lessons I learned as an adolescent with my students today. I am proud and excited for my son to begin his education at St. Cajetan in upcoming years."

- Pat O'Brien; High School English Teacher; Chicago, IL; Father of Future Warrior & Class of 1997

"For as long as I can remember, I knew I wanted to be a teacher, because I had great experiences with many at St. Cajetan. When I left Cajetan, I knew that I wanted to pursue my career in Catholic education like my role models. Working with the youth group inspired me to continue to make service an important aspect of my life and to provide my students with opportunities to impact the world around them. I am eternally grateful for the lessons and encouragement I received during my elementary years at St. Cajetan!"

- Kate Santine Dean; Catholic Middle School Teacher; Dubuque, IA; Class of 1996

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