

Be it known to all who enter here that Christ is the reason for this school. He is the unseen but ever-present teacher in the classroom. He is the model of its faculty and the inspiration of its students.

“Civic engagement is the hallmark of Catholic Education.”

— Karen Ristau, president of the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA)

“The majority of elementary and secondary schools participate in service projects ranging from collecting canned goods for the homeless to rebuilding schools in the hurricane-torn Gulf.”

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The Diocese of Joliet Catholic Education Foundation is committed to the long term financial strength and viability of Catholic education in the Diocese. The Foundation raises and disburses funds providing financial assistance for Catholic education within the diocese. During the 2007-2008 fiscal year, the Foundation disbursed funds in the form of scholarships and tuition assistance, totaling \$785,963. The need for financial assistance was greater than the funds available. Please consider contributing to the Catholic Education Foundation.

Your gift will allow us to fill the gap between the needs and available funds. Contact the Education Foundation at 815.834.4033 or visit us at our website www.dioceseofjoliet.org/edfoundation.

A GIFT TO THE
Education Foundation

is a Gift to your Community



2008 - 2009

SUGGESTED GIVING LEVELS

\$1000+	Platinum Club
\$500-999	Gold Club
\$250- 499	Silver Club
\$100- 249	Bronze Club
\$10-99	Pewter Club

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



The Catholic Education Foundation accomplishes an important mission in our Diocese by providing financial assistance to students in our Catholic schools whose families cannot afford the cost of tuition.

This year's appeal is particularly crucial. Our nation's economic crisis is resulting in a rise in the cost of living and a loss of jobs. Many families in our diocese have felt the effects of the financial crisis.

This year we created a new look and feel to the **Foundation Appeal**. We share the story of a man who received the gift of financial assistance. The gift enabled him to remain in his Catholic elementary school. This is the story of gifts, service, and the magnificent discovery of entering into Christ's "being for others."

Please take a few moments to meet Ed. He is a family man living in our diocese. Today, God's active presence is recognized in Ed's life. Your gift to the Education Foundation can provide financial assistance to families like Ed's in our Catholic community.

We are grateful for your consideration of a financial gift to the Education Foundation.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ *J Peter Sartain*

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Bishop of Joliet



Meet Ed

Ed attended St. Stephens Elementary School where he was a finalist in the Chicago spelling bee.

Ed's dad had an accident resulting in a spinal cord injury that led to several surgeries and a year long stay in the hospital. **During that time, Ed's Catholic education was paid for by the Catholic school system.** He graduated Elementary School in 1973.

He attended St. Rita High School and DePaul University in Chicago.

The lessons of his Catholic Education have stayed with Ed throughout his life and along with his wife he has passed them down to his children.

Ed was able to finish his grade school Catholic Education as a result of the generosity of others. Today, the Diocese of Joliet Education Foundation supports over 700 students, like Ed, who are learning the importance of Jesus' message that we are to serve others.

Ed is a principled man living the Gospel of Jesus Christ he learned in Catholic schools.



Ed coaching Our Lady of Peace Football Team

Today Ed is an active volunteer. He has coached basketball, football, roller hockey, soccer, volleyball, baseball, and softball. He has served on boards at Our Lady of Peace School, Darien Youth Club, Benet Academy Fathers Club and Darien Swim and Racquet Club. Ed volunteered as a Youth Minister and Marriage Prep Counselor at Our Lady of Peace Parish. He is an energetic member of the Diocesan Cursillio Men's Leadership Team, Illinois Right To Life Golf Outing Committee, Membership Committee for Legatus- Chicago Chapter, and the Darien Lions Club where he served as 4th of July Parade Chair.

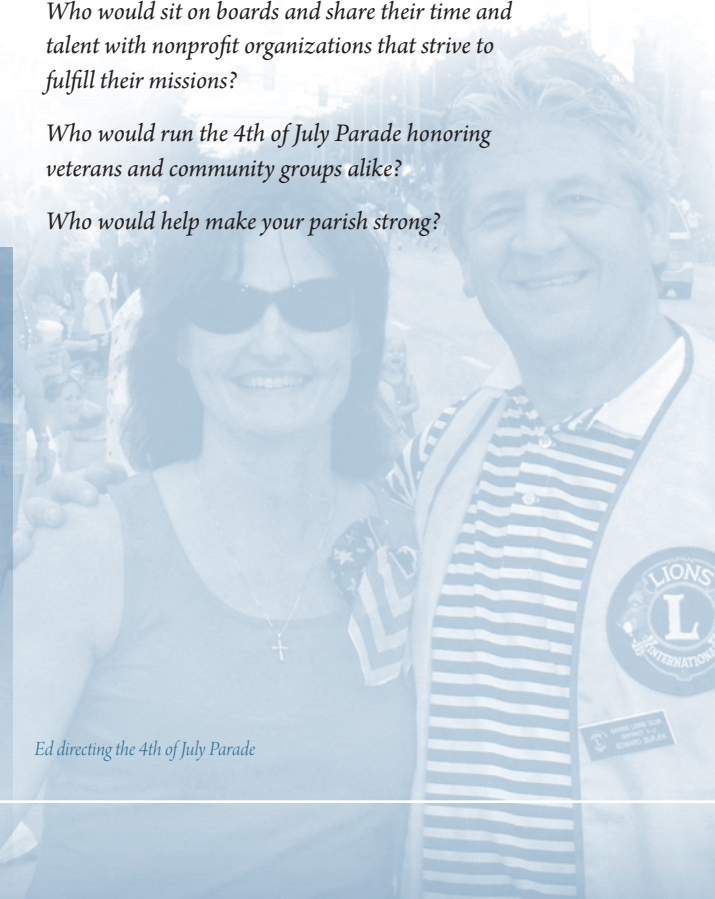
Can your community thrive without Ed?

Who would coach the children and pass along messages of sportsmanship and fair play?

Who would sit on boards and share their time and talent with nonprofit organizations that strive to fulfill their missions?

Who would run the 4th of July Parade honoring veterans and community groups alike?

Who would help make your parish strong?



Ed directing the 4th of July Parade