



# 50 Year Club Newsletter

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## Father Fleming Steps Down

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Rev. James J. Fleming, S.J., Ph.D. has resigned after seven years at WJU, the last four as President. Recognizing Fr. Fleming's leadership and significant accomplishments the chairman of the university's Board of Trustees, Rev. Monsignor Kevin M. Quirk '89, stated "We are extremely grateful for the leadership and enthusiasm that Fr. Fleming brought to Wheeling Jesuit. He has developed many wonderful relationships with alumni and members of the local community, while seeking to secure a stronger future for Wheeling Jesuit. **His intensive work over the last year culminated in the recently signed Declaration of Shared Purpose among the Diocese, the**



**Jim Fleming, S.J.**

**Jesuits, and the University, which marks a new phase in the life of the University and a new model in Catholic higher education. The Declaration and partnership, particularly the Diocese's financial investment, ensures that Wheeling Jesuit's light will continue to shine for many more years,"**

"It has been an honor for me to serve the university, the Jesuit community here and the people of the greater Wheeling area," Fleming said. "I believe the hard work and sacrifice of our trustees, faculty, staff, alumni and--particularly Bishop Bransfield and the Diocese--have brought the institution to a point where a change in leadership seems natural and wise. My ministry here in West Virginia has been the most engaging in my 34 years as a Jesuit educator and made me a better priest. For that, I am deeply grateful."

Most Rev. Michael J. Bransfield, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, thanked Fr. Fleming for his service at Wheeling Jesuit. "Fr. Jim Fleming has been an important part of the Catholic community in this Diocese and region since he arrived in 2010," Bransfield said. "His commitment to the University and the broader community will always be remembered." Fleming has served as an administrator at WJU for seven years -- the first three as vice president and as president since 2013. Father Fleming has been a strong supporter of the 50 Year Club. We thank him for his dedication and service to WJU. We will miss him and wish him well in the future.

**Debra Townsley, Ph.D. has been appointed Interim President.** She has more than 30 years experience working in higher education, and spent five years as president of William Peace University in Raleigh, N.C., a job from which she retired in June 2015. She has also served as president of Nichols College in Dudley, Mass. We welcome Dr. Townsley

## Class of 1967 to Celebrate Their 50th Anniversary and Receive 50 Year Club



**Jeanne Barrett Hamilton '66 receiving 50 Year Club Diploma**

The reunion committee for the class of 67 is busy planning for the reunion in June, and contacting classmates to encourage them to attend. They are planning a special class function for after the diploma ceremony and dinner on Friday evening, June 23. Members of the committee include, John Delaney, Jim DiPiero, Ray Dombrosky, Bud Doyle, Henry Giese, Judy Hocking Higgs, Tom Marchlen, Skip Miner, Jane Rohner Morgan, Rogers O'Neil, Dave and Betsy McKenna Quinn, and Ginny Sheil Scott. See more about the class 67 on pp 4-7 and the 50 year club on page 10.

### **Sixth Annual 50 Year Club Lecture and Discussion**

**Date:** Saturday-June 24

**Time:** 10:30 AM

**Location:** Troy Theater

**Title:** Social Justice

**Moderator:** John Glaser '66  
President 50 Year Club

**Speakers:** Dave Quinn '67  
Others to be announced

## Message From Debra Townsley, Ph.D.

Dear 50-Year Club Members,

It is my pleasure to serve as Wheeling Jesuit University's interim president. I enjoy working at small schools with a strong mission, so when I was approached about the position I felt it was a great match. As you know, Wheeling Jesuit's mission to educate the whole person is what makes the university distinctive. Graduates and current students alike live our mission – educating for life, leadership and service – each and everyday, which is a great point of pride for all of us at WJU.

In order to strengthen Wheeling Jesuit for the future, the top priority of the administration will be to strengthen and update academic programs to attract students, while looking at all departments to see where we can operate more efficiently. Wheeling Jesuit is facing the same challenges as many other small colleges and universities – the need to increase revenue and look for ways to save on expenses.



**Debra Townsley, Ph.D.**

Wheeling Jesuit has many strengths both in its undergraduate programs and graduate and online degrees. Undergraduates come here for a traditional campus experience, and that will always be our heart and soul. At the same time, the use of technology will allow us to grow our online programs to offer working adults a convenient way to come back to earn an advanced degree or finish a degree. We have already begun exploring areas to expand upon our current, successful online graduate and professional programs.

You, the members of 50-Year Club and our earliest graduates, have made a major impact on Wheeling Jesuit through your annual support and your legacy gifts. Your gifts to the university are the foundation of our annual fund campaign. Last year, the 50-Year Club members and senior ambassadors contributed \$520,000 to Wheeling Jesuit. All of us at the University are grateful for your generosity and we thank you for supporting your *alma mater*!

We have two of our largest events coming up – Gaudiosa and Alumni Weekend. I hope you will join us for both! Gaudiosa has become one of the region's premier events, so please get your tickets soon and help us support scholarships for today's students. And Alumni Weekend will be here before we know it! I look forward to welcoming the newest members, the Class of 1967, to the 50-Year Club during Friday evening's induction ceremony. I know there will be a great turnout from the class, and other 50-Year Club members during the event. I hope you will share your stories and memories of WJU with me when you come back to campus in June.

Thank you again for your continued support and commitment to Wheeling Jesuit University.

Debra Townsley, Ph.D.

**Dr. Townsley's past achievements:** Dr. Townsley began her career as a faculty member, a chairperson, and an academic dean before serving 17 years as a college or university president. She comes to Wheeling Jesuit after more than three decades of experience in higher education. Most recently, Dr. Townsley spent five years as president of William Peace University in Raleigh, NC. At WPU, Townsley increased undergraduate enrollment by 40 percent, increased evening and online enrollment by more than 300 percent, and improved retention by 9 percent. Additionally, Dr. Townsley lowered student discount rates, built sustainable, balanced budgets, and ran successful fundraising campaigns for capital improvements. Prior to her tenure at WPU, Dr. Townsley served as president of Nichols College in Dudley, MA from 1998-2010. She also served as Dean of Academic Affairs at Nichols College from 1997-98. Dr. Townsley held faculty positions at Marymount University of Virginia, Northern Virginia Community College and St. Michael's College in Vermont. At St. Michael's, Dr. Townsley was also the Director of Undergraduate and Graduate Management Studies.

Dr. Townsley has written numerous *scholarly* articles and has conducted research on topics ranging from retail management, to a case study on The Boeing Company to issues on leadership. She has given presentations on higher education policy matters, small college financial planning and women in leadership. Additionally, Dr. Townsley has presented testimony to the Revenue and Finance Committee at the U.S. House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee on tax initiatives and higher education. And she also has given testimony to the Massachusetts State House Higher Education Committee on establishing a Vanguard College in the Commonwealth. **Please give a warm welcome to Dr. Debra Townsley**

## Bishop Michael J. Bransfield Meets with Jesuit Leadership in Rome

(From *Catholic Spirit Wheeling-Charleston, Diocese*)

The Most Rev. Michael J. Bransfield, Bishop of the Wheeling-Charleston Diocese, recently returned to West Virginia after meeting with Father Adolfo Nicolás, S.J., Superior General of the Society of Jesus, at the Jesuit Curia Sept 2, 2016 in Rome.



**Bishop Bransfield**

The meeting between Bransfield and Nicolás was more than just a handshake. Rather, it was the culmination of six months of discussions among members of Diocesan leadership and the Jesuits' Maryland Province **to develop an agreement that preserves Wheeling Jesuit University's mission and identity, while recognizing the major financial investment that the Diocese and its affiliated organizations have made in the University.**

In particular, Nicolás and Bransfield discussed the significant Diocesan financial and material support provided to the University in recent months. "Father Nicolás was very gracious to me and expressed his gratitude for the assistance that the Diocese has provided to Wheeling Jesuit University," Bransfield said. "His response to our offer of generosity and help was wonderful and very sincere." The agreement with WJU is an historic milestone reached between an American Jesuit university and its local bishop. Bransfield said "this outcome is very important" to him because WJU is the only Catholic college or university in West Virginia. "This new agreement is the natural next step for us as a Diocese. Archbishop Swint founded Wheeling College in 1952 and invited the Jesuits to operate the University. The Diocese is entering a new chapter in the relationship begun by my predecessor, ensuring Catholic higher education for the benefit of our region and our people," Bransfield said. "This permits the University to meet the educational, spiritual and health care needs of the people of West Virginia. We share a common mission." As part of the agreement, **the Diocese is working with WJU officials to support and extend current programs in the health sciences, such as degree programs in nursing and physical therapy, while developing new programs in allied health sciences and information technology.** "By developing programs in allied health sciences, we seek to open new pathways to employment for graduates, serve the needs of our people, and strengthen the University," Bransfield said.

The Bishop emphasized how very impressed he was during his visit with the Jesuits in Rome, and that he is very confident in this relationship after his meeting with the superior general. "Father Nicolás was so very open with me and so very aware of the good that the Diocese is doing at

the University," Bransfield said. "He and his advisors are supportive of our work and are indeed grateful for our efforts. This meeting gave me hope for the success of the efforts we are making at our Catholic University."

### Editor's Note—Ed Shahady '60

Fr. Fleming was a good friend. I had the privilege of escorting him throughout the State of Florida to visit alumni. His bond with the alumni, as well as the current students was always apparent. A change at the helm naturally leaves us with feelings of sadness, particularly when it involves a very popular president. Those of us who have come to know and interact with him over the past seven years praise his leadership and openness to our suggestions. He has been an enthusiastic supporter of the 50 Year Club. As a result, more alumni have happily contributed their time and expertise to the university's needs and goals. The most tangible evidence is the success of the 50 Year Club, and last year's Senior Ambassador gift of \$520,000. Fr. Jim worked tirelessly for us, but after keeping a grueling schedule for seven challenging years, he decided it was time to step back and recharge. During his tenure, he was able to guide the university through the federal investigation, and the end result was complete exoneration of WJU and its personnel, and the acquisition of the NTTC Building at a fraction of its market value. Of equal importance and of lasting impact, were his negotiations with the Diocese, forging an agreement between them and WJU, enlisting their much needed financial support ensuring the University's life and growth well into the future.

Looking to the future, I see a significant opportunity for WJU to enter a new phase of growth and stability. As a physician and medical educator, I strongly support the increased emphasis on health care education and delivery at WJU. Bishop Bransfield has encouraged the University to be a national model for medical education and health care delivery. West Virginia's health care needs are significant. Multiple studies indicate that WV ranks 47th in quality health care indicators for the US. Simply stated, citizens of the state suffer a higher incidence and risk for heart disease, diabetes, cancer and other lethal diseases. Only two other states have worse statistics and risk factors than WV. An analysis of this data raises more questions than it answers. Answering these questions requires the creation of more health care providers and health care educators to do the research to find the answers. Partnerships with medical schools in the region would help address these challenges. WJU could assume a leadership role in this area. Creating more young men and women well trained in the health field coupled with a strong Jesuit education is an ideal way to resolve the health care disparities present in WV.

**I encourage alumni to celebrate Father Fleming, thank Bishop Bransfield for his financial support and educational direction, and to welcome Dr. Debra Townsley, our Interim President.**





## Memories—Class of 1967

By Dave Quinn '67

The Freshman year for the Class of 1967 was full of memorable moments, some good, some tragic, many just amusing. We will surely recall where we were the day JFK was killed. We might remember our first glimpse of the Beatles on the Ed Sullivan show as we crowded into Moxie's for the Sunday night broadcast.

One of my memories was the flooding of Wheeling Creek in March of 1964.

Serious floods were caused by two storms; the first occurred March 2-5, and the other March 8-10. Both storms approximately paralleled the Ohio River in a belt extending from western Kentucky to western Pennsylvania. In most localities, the storm of March 8-10 was the more severe. Total precipitation for most of northwestern West Virginia was less than 3 inches, but about 4 inches fell in the northern panhandle.

Though Wheeling Creek would have been in flood stage anyway from local rains, the effect of the Ohio River in flood prevented the drainage

Wheeling Creek would normally receive. Soon, a call for student volunteers circulated through the dormitories at Wheeling College. My perspective of the scope of rescue operations and student involvement was somewhat limited. But I know that residential neighborhoods nearby campus required the evacuation of families whose homes were in low-lying areas. Row boats and canoes ferried folks to private homes and shelters on higher ground. I believe that Wheeling College students helped facilitate such evacuations.

My job was located in a private home, probably somewhere on Washington Avenue. I was assigned to man the phone, receive and record requests for evacuation and convey these requests to those dispatching rescue teams. The air was electric with the urgency everyone felt. At one point in the evening, after hours of intense effort, some kind soul offered me repeated access to a bottle of red wine. My memory of this entire episode would be clearer if the wine hadn't been so delicious. **See more memories on the next page**

## Memories Continued—Class of 1967—The Countrymen 1963 - 1967

As most things, the beginning was a simple one. Tony Gurley and Woodie Stevens (founders of the Countrymen) asked by the junior class government to play at the Freshman-Junior party, September 1963.

Tony, who played a beautiful Goya guitar and had accomplished some prowess, wore a three-piece suit and was the epitome of "class." I, on the other hand, wore blue jeans, a vest over a sweatshirt, bare feet and a wig—real cute! The two songs we played were - "Frog Went a Courtin'" and "When The Saints Come Marchin' in". All in all, Tony and Clyde Scorggins were met with great enthusiasm.

From then until the end of that academic year (June 1964), not much happened except for the finding of the permanent bodies and formation of the group. Mike Stanton, my roomie until his introduction to the banjo, probably thought that music came in a bottle. He was curious about the cheap "Kay" banjo I had, so I showed him the c, F, G 7th triad. I showed him these chords because these were the only ones I knew. In the meantime, Tony introduced the same triad to Jim Fitzgerald, who was convalescing after some illness and needed something to settle his boredom. Mike Farasey became fascinated by Fitz's newly acquired prowess, so he, too, learned the magical triad.

There were others who also became interested: Bill Dunn, Ron Crisp, Bud Doyle and, most of all, Fr. William McGroarty. Father "M" did everything he could to keep this embryonic group reasonably quiet. During the ensuing months, there was the occasional jam session Mike Stanton had acquired a Gibson 5-string backless banjo; Jim Fitzgerald a 4-string tenor guitar; Bill Dunn had some unbelievable thing which he didn't play; Bud Doyle was there along with Mike Farasey and his gut guitar; Tony and his Goya and me and my "Kay". These sessions were held in the boiler room of the dorm after dinner, several times a week. The most we did for several months was learn how to "tune" and elect Tony as group leader. He was the natural leader - he knew two songs and we didn't.

About half way through the year, Larry Smith asked if he could stand in on our practice sessions and play his drum. This drum was a snare drum with notop skin. He played it upside down and with brushes. The only real performance we had that year was at Oglebay Park during the "Last Blast." The group, by that time, numbered nine in all. The audience, which numbered about 20, sat at their feet. By the end of the first number, the only spectators left were the girlfriends and Barb Ryan. Even part of the group left to play baseball. Tony made a very profound statement at the end of this performance: "Before we leave Wheeling College, we will have a standing ovation by the school!"

By the beginning of the sophomore year, we had gained and lost. Fitz had gained a 12-string guitar, I gained a Gibson 5-string banjo, and the rest also had decent instruments. We had lost two voices - Bill Dunn and Ron Crisp. We had, however, gained some experience individually during the summer, so our practice sessions were exactly that and not just tuning and learning how to play. By November, "Tony's Group" had learned a half dozen songs and had at least learned to follow one another instrumentally. Let's say, we had learned how to stop together. Tony had, among other songs, introduced us to "Daddy Roll 'Em". We enjoyed playing this the most because we did it the best. It, therefore, became our theme song. We were then invited to enter the Ohio Valley Autumn Leaves Folk Festival by the "4 Winds." We were, therefore, forced to find a suitable name. Through much brain-racking, English poetry books and corny suggestions, we unanimously chose "The Countrymen."

Throughout the year, we played almost every day practicing and the number of performances increased; e.g. the C.Y.O., Wheeling High School and Vance Memorial. We finally made it to May and Larry's graduation, after such events as a T.V. special (ugh) and a radio spot -- will you ever forget? - Oh, the World's Fair!!! A book could be written on that trip. In an attempt to paraphrase, the events or highlights will take some doing, so bare with me. First, there was the incredible letter writing and correspondence with the Fair Committee.  
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**The Countrymen (L-R) Tony Gurley, Mike Farasey, Woodie Stevens, Jim Fitzgerald, Mike Stanton**



## The Countrymen –Continued from page 5

Then our plans to get seven screwballs organized and together before "The Big Day" could not easily be written however, until we all managed to meet at Tony's and Fitz's places at the shore. This, of course, was after graduation and various personal events for us all. Poor Fitzgeralds and Gurleys! We don't eat much ...pass the roast!". After two days of that, practicing, beer and much "whipping into shape", we were off to New York, along with Carol Wallace and Mary Pat Smith. The latter were our strongest supporters. We got to the Fairgrounds, checked in, got dressed and did, I might add, a decent job on the 12:30 show. After the first show, we signed the time capsule book, saw the Fair, and were back on the stage in one piece for the second show - on time—and in the rain! After this incredible performance, we met the most memorable character of the year - Mike Farasey's father's customer and dear friend for many years. He was very gracious and offered to take us all (nine) to dinner - WOW - What a rip off!

We had enough spaghetti and booze for the entire New York Pavilion. After dinner, we saw every inch of the slums of New York and White Plains, which was supposed to be either the scenic route or cheap route. I believe the latter. Since this charming individual was to leave very early the next morning for a meeting or something, he instructed us to go directly to bed. Can you imagine seven college students in New York City, out for the summer and off to bed by 9:00 p.m.?? - NO WAY!!!

Mike Stanton and I left, after a few words, and wandering around all night.

I'm sure the rest of the guys roamed round somewhere -- The trip home was another amazing episode, which would take much too long to cover. However, I will add that we celebrated "Larry's last performance" beautifully.

School opened in the fall with the return of "The Countrymen" and guess who - Larry. He was teaching in Wheeling, so we all continued. Practice sessions were great, now that we lived in the new apartments. The only problem was that we drove Howie Jessup and his crew nuts with the music. From opening Salvo to the last blast, we were terrific. Somewhere along the way, we lost Bud, and many times more than I like to remember, I had a test, quiz, paper or lab.

The year was ended with the Gambol, for which only five Countrymen played, and a performance where we celebrated Larry's last act. (He had more curtain calls than anyone on Broadway.) Speaking of Larry, I intentionally omitted the horror shows in that apartment on National Road.

Senior year was far too fast and, in some respects, too serious. The Countrymen lived together again, only this time, on the ground floor of the apartments. We had a great audio man, Rogers O'Neill. Rog, Tim, Giese and toothless added to the riot that had survived the first three years.

The year's end came too quickly along with thesis, graduation, and the military services. However, there was that one special occasion - Gambol 1967! What a night!! This was truly the last real performance. Those bright lights, the make-up, the sweat, and the crowd in the round \*\*standing, cheering so loud\*\* what a thrill! I can still see our faces and hear that ovation. We didn't even finish half of "Daddy Roll 'Em" when the crowd cheered. I had a lump so big, and I'm sure you did too. It was worth the work and all the love.

There were other times to remember too--The Queen's Beauty Pageant, the Fashion Show that we dressed for, the show at the Good Shepherd, and many others—but the piece de resistance was by far the 1967 Gambol. **What a fitting end to a four-year career.**



**The Countrymen (L-R) Bud Doyle, Mike Stanton, Jim "Fitz" Fitzgerald, Larry Smith (on drum...class of 1965), Tony Gurley "Woodie" Stevens and Mike Farasey**

## Memories—Continued

### By Jane Rohner Morgan

Things I remember:

The girls getting together in somebody's room in Sarah Tracy for girl talk. Many of us had those bouffant hair dryers that you put over your curlers and your ears. They were pretty noisy so I think we had to talk loudly. I remember Ginny Sheil calling out at one time "I feel so uninhibited!"

Janie Hoogland ironing her long blond hair on the ironing board in the ironing room.

My roommate was Barbara Dodson freshman year. Her family sent us homemade applesauce cake and cans of Vienna sausage about every two weeks. They were so generous and the food was delicious – for the first three or four packages. After that we got pretty tired of it and couldn't finish it all. Even today I turn sort of green when I see a can of Vienna sausage.



**Barbara Dodson**



In freshman year, Suzy Kannan, day-hop, visited every once in a while. Here's a picture of her finding the only available spot to nap in our dorm room, atop the closet!

Singing in the Glee Club. We sang all kinds of beautiful arrangements. I still remember the Nifty Fifty song. We sang out the fifty states names in alphabetical order. It has served me well in conversations over the years in cases where needing to know how many state names start with M (8) comes up.

Taking the charter bus home from a WC Cardinals basketball game at West Liberty on a cold cold night. The bus broke down and we had to wait outside in the hills someplace in the middle of nowhere while somebody fixed the problem.

**Suzy Kannan on Closet** The girls' weekend retreat. Glorious quiet contemplative walks in snowy hilltop fields.

It was so cold one week that the boys over in Campion were able to toss water out of a top floor window. It froze before hitting the ground and created huge stalagmites. Funny, I can't remember a lot of detail about the courses I took. Except I still know how to spell Epistemology!

**By Ginny (Sheil) Scott**

Yesterday - randomly - I thought of Fr. Gordon Henderson, my psychology professor. I had him for a number of classes my last year at Wheeling since I switched majors from Sociology to Psychology at the end of Junior Year. He often said in his lectures and conversations "Don't throw out the baby with the bathwater." When someone on TV or my day to day life ever used that phrase, I would always smile and remember Fr. Henderson. I don't think he invented the phrase, but it was new to this 21 year old at the time! I have no pictures to submit. I never had a camera at school and was never interested in photography. I mostly tried to avoid getting my picture taken!



**Members of the  
Freshman class  
1964**

## Obituary Terri Haid 50 Year Club Secretary

Terri Joyce Haid was born on September 30, 1941, in Martins Ferry, OH, and died on February 9, 2017, at the University of Kentucky Chandler Hospital. She was the daughter of the late Paul and Virginia Grammer. Terri was a valedictorian graduate of St. Johns Central High School in Bellaire, Ohio, and a magna cum laude graduate of Wheeling College in Wheeling, WV. She received a Master's in Library Science from the University of Pittsburgh. A dedicated librarian, Terri believed that the dissemination of knowledge through reading would make society better and happier. She served thousands of students during her long tenure as librarian at Parkersburg Catholic High School and built a library collection there that was remarkable for a small, private school.

Terri excelled as an editor and proofreader and was an authority on grammar, punctuation and usage. She was also employed by her son's company, MCWV, Inc., of Charleston, WV, as a copywriter and proofreader and was an essential part of their team. Her many friends will remember her kind and generous nature shared with every person that crossed her path. She was a dedicated wife, mother and grandmother who relished every opportunity to care for her grandchildren, whom she loved beyond all measure. Terri is survived by her three children and her three grandchildren: her daughter, Amy Elizabeth Haid and her daughter, Fiona Elizabeth Haid, of Columbus, OH; son, John Stewart Haid, his wife, Amber, and their sons, Leo Haid and Ian Haid of Parkersburg, WV; and her son, Michael S. Haid and his wife Carol, of Charleston, WV.

She is also survived by her sister, Gayle Malizia of Tallmadge, Ohio. Terri fought an epic battle for over three months at several hospitals and received magnificent care from her healthcare providers, most importantly from her son John, who managed her care every step of the way.

The challenges she overcame in her care astounded medical staff on several occasions. She approached death many times along this journey and then made remarkable recoveries. She had an amazing will to live and fought to the bitter end. This is exactly how she approached life. Persistent, determined and undeniably Terri. Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, February 13, at St. Margaret Mary's Church in Parkersburg, followed by a reception at the adjacent Parish Hall. The mass was officiated by Rev. Steve. Terri was interred at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Parkersburg at a later time in a private ceremony.

In addition to being the 50 Year Club secretary, she along with Al Reed coordinated the 50 Year Club diploma ceremony. In addition to creating the script for the ceremony, Terri and Al worked with the moderators from each class. This included phone calls before arriving on campus and a practice session a few hours before the ceremony. Terri was a pleasure to work with and we will miss her. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family. We also pass on our prayers and thoughts to Steve Haid '63.



**Terri Grammer Haid '63**



**Terri receiving her 50  
Year Club Diploma from  
President Rick Beyer**



## Rev. Msgr. Kevin Quirk '89 Chair of University's Board of Trustees

Wheeling Jesuit University alumnus, Rev. Msgr. Kevin Quirk, J.V., J.C.D., WJU class of 1989, was elected chair of the university's Board of Trustees. He was elected the chair during the Board's June 2016 meeting.

"Wheeling Jesuit is fortunate to have an alumnus the caliber of Msgr. Quirk to chair our Board. His outstanding leadership qualities and understanding of his *alma mater*, coupled with his commitment to higher education, will allow us to continue providing the young women and men entrusted to our care with a quality Jesuit education," said Rev. James Fleming, S.J.

A native of Arlington, VA, Msgr. Quirk is one of three brothers born to James and Jeannie Quirk. He earned Bachelor's degrees in both Theology and Philosophy from Wheeling Jesuit University; Master's degrees in both Divinity and Theology from the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, OH; and a License plus Doctorate in Canon Law from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 5, 1993, by Bishop Schmitt at the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

He currently serves as Judicial Vicar and Assistant to the Bishop for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, and is Rector of the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling. He is president of the Wheeling Hospital Board of Directors, a trustee of the Clara Welty Trust, and vice president of the Welty Corporation. Msgr. Quirk is a Knight Commander of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, a patron of the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art, and a member of several professional and honor societies, including Alpha Sigma Nu (the Jesuit honor society) and the Canon Law Society of America, on which he serves as a member of its Church Governance Committee.

"Wheeling Jesuit University brought me to West Virginia as a college student in 1985. The education and formation I received at Wheeling Jesuit helped me to become a priest of this Diocese and opened the door in my life to many opportunities for service. I am grateful for the education I received from Wheeling Jesuit and hope to be able to give back to the university in some way through my service on its Board of Trustees," Msgr. Quirk said.

In 2009 Pope Benedict XVI named Very Rev. Kevin Michael Quirk, J.C.D., J.V., Judicial Vicar and Assistant to the Bishop for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, a Chaplain to His Holiness, entitling him to be addressed as Monsignor. He is seen in the adjacent picture being congratulated by Bishop Michael Bransfield.



**Bishop Bransfield & Monsignor Quirk**

### Class Giving as of March 1, 2017

Class	Amount	FY 17 donors	FY16 donors	Solicitable Alumn	FY17%	FY16 %	Avg. Gift
1959	\$27,660	8	11	28	29%	39%	\$3,458
1960	\$29,430	8	21	38	21%	55%	\$3,679
1961	\$7,925	14	33	59	24%	56%	\$566
1962	\$6,275	8	22	49	16%	45%	\$784
1963	\$11,495	20	28	72	28%	39%	\$575
1964	\$43,949	15	37	81	19%	46%	\$2,930
1965	\$1,540	12	36	89	13%	40%	\$128
1966	\$4,845	16	45	87	18%	52%	\$303
1967	\$22,915	21	27	82	26%	33%	\$1,091
1968	\$13,059	31	33	111	28%	30%	\$421
1969	\$24,760	41	60	156	26%	38%	\$604
1970	\$4,605	26	35	147	18%	24%	\$177
1971	\$2,425	16	30	126	13%	24%	\$152
1972	\$4,850	13	31	124	10%	25%	\$373
1973	\$5,760	24	27	113	21%	24%	\$240
	<b>\$211,493</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>1362</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>\$775</b>

The **Class of 1964** leads with total amount donated and the **Class of 60** leads with the largest average gift.

**Our University needs your help.** Please give no matter the amount. Note that last year the **Class of 1961** had a 56% giving rate.

**Please give online at**  
<http://www.wju.edu/advancement/> or mail check to:

Wheeling Jesuit University  
 Advancement Office  
 316 Washington Ave  
 Wheeling, WV 26003

## 50 Year Club

The following individuals are Club Officers and board members serving June 2016-June 2017. President-John Glaser '66, 1st Vice President-Al Reed '60, 2nd Vice President-Don Mercer '60, Secretary-, Lillian Gangwere Cale '66, Past President-Dan Haller '61. Members at Large - Barbara Creamer Yeager '59, John Eagan McAteer '61, Fr. John DiBacco '62, Geno Julian '64, JJ Lauer '64, Larry Meagher '65 and Lillian Gangwere Cale '66.

### By-Laws:

**Active Membership:** (1) All graduates of Wheeling Jesuit University upon the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the graduation of his or her class. (2) All former members of the class who have attended at least one semester.

**Charter Membership:** indicating the original or founding members shall be open to all members of Classes of 1959 and 1960 who are qualified for Active membership.

**Honorary Membership:** shall be extended to the President of Wheeling Jesuit University and to any other friend of the university.

**Posthumous Membership:** shall be open to those who were otherwise eligible for active membership but are deceased prior to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the class.

**Annual Meeting:** Conducted at the time of the 50 year reunion.

**By-Law Changes:** Recommended by the executive committee and approved by the members at the annual meeting

**Executive Committee:** Consists of all four officers, members at large, and the immediate past president, the alumni director and a representative of the Alumni Council, will serve as the governing body of the organization. The president of the organization will serve as chair of the committee. The executive committee shall meet periodically by conference call or in person if needed. These meetings will be called by the Chair. The committee will meet in person at least one time a year at the time of the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion.

**Committees:** Committees /task forces can be appointed by the President and or Executive committee as needed.

**Senior Ambassadors:** Senior Ambassadors are part of the WJU 50 Year Club. Inaugural nominees will be graduates from the classes of 1959 through 1968 who have distinguished themselves through one or more of the following: volunteer community service, humanitarian efforts, academic accomplishments and a successful career.

**Being a WJU Senior Ambassador is both an honor and a responsibility.** Ambassadors are asked to commit their time, dedication and expertise to the school that helped lay the foundation for their successful careers. **This commitment will include one or more of the following: Recruit potential students to WJU, Aid current students with career advice, Cultivate interest in WJU and its projects, Encourage fellow alumni and others to support WJU fund raising activities.** The first Senior Ambassadors group met June 24, 2011 to discuss their future activities. There are 54 individuals who have volunteered from the classes of 1959 through 1973. The group meets yearly at the time of the reunion and then by conference call during the year. Senior Ambassadors have been very dedicated fundraisers for WJU, raising more than \$1.3 million dollars to date. In the 2016-2017 fiscal year, they've already raised over \$230,000.00.

**Alumni Scholar in Residence:** This program, initiated by the 50 Year Club in 2011, represents a partnership with the university faculty and administration. A committee representing all three groups selects the scholar and coordinates the campus visit. **The scholar will be a visiting professor to the University for up to one week and all expenses will be donated by the scholar.** Ed Shahady, M.D. '60 was our first initial scholar, spending time on campus fall of 2011. Joan Doverspike Davison, Ph.D. '78 was on campus fall of 2012. Dick Riley, Ph.D. '84 was on campus fall of 2013. The Honorable James Smith 64' was on campus fall of 2014. Christina Richey, Ph.D. '04 was on campus fall of 2015 and John Stopper '75 was the scholar for 2016. The Alumni Scholar Program has been very successful and demonstrates the quality of WJU graduates to the students and faculty of WJU. Anyone with extensive teaching experience is invited to submit their resume to [eshahady@att.net](mailto:eshahady@att.net).



Larry Meagher '65 receiving 50 Year Club Diploma