



Dear Knights,

**Campion Reunion
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While it has been nearly 50 years since Campion Jesuit High School closed in May 1975, the deep gratitude so many of us still have for our years of Jesuit education in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin has not wavered. Over the past twenty years, thanks to Facebook and social media, it has been easier for classmates to find one another and to stay connected, even across long distances. Many classes have had regular reunions in various cities, and some “all-class reunions” have taken place as well. This is a tribute to the spirit of Campion which lives on through each of us and in Jesuit schools throughout the world, including new initiatives like the Cristo Rey Jesuit high schools.

This letter wants to build on all these good energies and invites you to what we hope will be a memorable **“all-class reunion” to take place in Chicago the weekend of June 9-11, 2023.** We realize that none of us is getting any younger, and we do not want to miss this opportunity to celebrate our shared experience of Jesuit education at Campion.

Throughout the weekend, participants can enjoy a golf outing, dinner cruise on the Chicago River, private tour of an art museum, Mass at the Church of the Holy Family, cocktails and dinner at Saint Ignatius College Prep, and Sunday brunch.

Visit www.jesuitsmidwest.org/campion to see more information and register for the activities you wish to take part in during the reunion. The website also includes housing options at various price points, and the option to sign up for bus transportation between the hotel and various event venues.

The organizing committee for this reunion will invite living Jesuits who had any connection to Campion as a teacher, administrator, or student. At the moment we have a list of 18 Jesuits and have received significant interest in attendance. We know that the presence and participation of Jesuits in this reunion is something that many Campion alumni would appreciate and treasure. We are also inviting the spouses of deceased Knights who may wish to participate in any of the weekend activities, especially the Saturday evening Mass and dinner.

On this occasion, **we also would like to invite you to consider supporting the “Campion Jesuit High School Scholarship” at Marquette University which offers a partial scholarship to a graduate of one of five Cristo Rey model high schools in the territory of the Midwest Province.** This endowed fund at

Marquette was started by members of the Class of 1972, with other classes and Campion families contributing. The first scholarship was awarded this fall and the recipient will be at the reunion dinner and will share their gratitude with us. More information on the scholarship is available on the reunion website. The “spirit of Campion” lives on at places like Marquette and the Midwest Cristo Rey high schools, and support for these missions is a great way to honor the education we received from the Jesuits at Campion.

The planning for this reunion has been helped by the involvement and support of the Midwest Jesuits provincial office in Chicago, as well as Saint Ignatius College Prep in Chicago. We are deeply grateful for this partnership and shared support as they help us to honor our shared love of Jesuit education.

If you have any questions, please feel free to check the website www.jesuitsmidwest.org/campion or email us at Campionallclassreunion@gmail.com.

We look forward to you joining us next June in Chicago to celebrate the legacy of Campion, the friendships made and the continuing Ignatian inspired efforts of Jesuits and lay men and women to educate young men and women in service to others.

Go Knights!!!

Sincerely,



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Campion Class of '77
2023 Campion Reunion Committee

P.S. Please help us spread the word among classmates and alumni you know. We know that the database we have assembled of names, emails, addresses, etc, for Campion alumni is incomplete, so your help is appreciated. Our current list includes over 1,500 alumni including an alumnus from 1947 who has confirmed his intentions to attend the all-class reunion.