

50 YEARS AND STILL RUNNING STRONG

More than 100 years ago, McQuaid Jesuit was an idea and a hope in the heart and mind of then Rochester Bishop, the Most Rev. Bernard J. McQuaid. Fifty years ago that idea and hope became a reality when McQuaid Jesuit opened its doors to 129 young men who exemplified the Jesuit ideal of leaders in service both personally and professionally. Since that time, more than 7,000 alumni have graduated from McQuaid Jesuit and have distinguished themselves in areas of law, medicine, engineering, computer technology, writing, religious life, the military, and the arts. You need go no further than Rochester to discover more than 3,000 alumni with careers in every one of these areas.

But there were skeptics who doubted that McQuaid Jesuit could succeed at all. Moreover, there were a few times in its history when it appeared that the school would not have survived. All were proven wrong. Not only did McQuaid Jesuit survive, but it also went on to become the leading college preparatory school in the area.

As a private, Jesuit-sponsored preparatory school for grades 7-12, McQuaid Jesuit has been readying young men for productive, rewarding lives for half a century. McQuaid Jesuit does more than prepare students for further education: it develops a love of learning, enduring friendships, and an enthusiasm for life and the opportunities that lie ahead. McQuaid's reputation for excellence is a tribute to its faculty and its focus on academics, complemented by athletics, the arts, and community service. It is also a part of a network of 47 Jesuit secondary schools throughout

the United States. While founded in the Catholic and Jesuit tradition, it welcomes young men of all faiths and backgrounds.

The McQuaid of yesteryear, while the same in its core values and mission, is also dramatically different. Enrollment is thriving and curriculum has expanded considerably. The successful completion of a \$10 million capital campaign enabled the school to construct a 27,000 square-foot multi-purpose addition; to enhance its fine arts program; to upgrade its technological capabilities; to renovate its track and field facilities as well as to acquire and to upgrade practice fields; to increase the scholarship endowment; and to enhance its annual fund.

This fall, McQuaid Jesuit celebrates its 50th anniversary. McQuaid is defined by and linked to a heritage, which dates back more than 450 years when St. Ignatius founded the Jesuit order. That heritage is a proven model for the school's present success.



While deeply rooted to its past, McQuaid continues to grow and to expand to meet the increasing demands of a modern world in a complex time and to develop responses to a changing world. McQuaid embraces the future by preparing its young men of today "to cast fire upon the earth" and to exercise their gifts for the well being of human kind.

This event is one among several ways McQuaid Jesuit is recognizing its 50th anniversary. Come celebrate as the school remembers the past, gives thanks for the present, and plans for the future.



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