

## **Vikings Forever – A must read!**

Before the reunion, we received a note from Doug Dombrowski saying his wife became ill and was unable to make the trip from Alaska to join us for the reunion. Doug did two things that caught our attention. First, he did not ask for a refund, instead he decided to offer his tickets to a fellow classmate. Second, he ended his note to us with a salutation we all know well: **VIKINGS FOREVER!**

As most of you know, our 50th reunion was a huge success! Tom Carone, the school's president pointed out how impressed he was with our class participation and our overall reunion experience. He mentioned, "your class is special".

Many of us have long known our "class is special" and the impact our class has on the Vikings community. *With this in mind, we believe now is a unique moment in time to **CEMENT OUR LEGACY as VIKINGS FOREVER!***

Today, we are proposing a three-prong program with the intention of making sure every member of the class of '73 feels included and connected to this endeavor. Our decision to move forward will be based on your feedback to this letter. Our proposal includes:

1. Building bleachers that seat 1,700 fans, including a press box. The school has desired new bleachers for years. These bleachers will stand as a lasting tribute to our class; Cementing our Legacy on the day we affix our name; In recognition of over 50 years support from the St. Joseph High School Class of 1973!

2. Creating a Class of '73 scholarship fund. *The details will be determined by a committee of classmates that wish to participate.*

3. Creating an endowment fund for the arts. *The specifics of this endowment fund will be determined by a committee of classmates that wish to participate.*

*No other St Joe's class has proposed this type of undertaking in school history. Before we make this commitment to the school, we want to know if you are with us. Our class continues to come together as VIKINGS FORVER. We hope this legacy plan will excite and include a large percentage of the Class of '73.*

Today, you are being asked to consider donating an amount that is meaningful to you. An amount that is a reflection of how you feel about St Joe's and the impact our school and your fellow classmates had on the last 50 years of your life. No matter if you can support this project with a donation of \$500, \$5,000, or \$50,000 for one year or three years, we wish for you to contribute an amount that makes you feel connected to our school, your fellow classmates, and our class legacy.

For most of us, this is a time in our lives where our children are grown and we are beginning to enter our retirement years. It is a moment in time to answer the question: Am I willing and financially ready to give back to Saint Joe's in a meaningful way. *Today, we are seeking a simple Yes or No.*

**YES**, you can count on my participation. Please provide an amount you would consider giving per year and the number of years (one to three) of your pledge.

**NO**, I am not able or interested in participating at this time.

Class of '73, thank you for your continued fellowship and your consideration of this impactful program.

We anxiously await your reply,

Your VIKINGS FOREVER committee

Ps. A considerable amount of effort has already gone into the negotiations to secure the bleachers and press box at an amount we believe can be raised by our class. We await your replies before making a commitment to go forward.