**Eternal Knights** are those visionary friends who have made the ultimate expression of their faith in Catholic education by remembering Kuemper in their estate plans.

You can become an **Eternal Knight** by making a gift to Kuemper that costs nothing during your lifetime. Plan and invest in the future today.

God bless our newest Eternal Knights: Marilyn Hoffmann, Dennis & Shirley Molitor, Bob & Linda Sporrer.

**Remember Kuemper and your church in your Will.**

**GIFT ANNUITIES** Extend Your Support for Kuemper Students Beyond Your Lifetime!

Charitable Gift Annuities are gifts that produce income for you at attractive rates. Fixed payments with tax advantages can be the rewarding outcome of your charitable giving.

**YOU CAN BENEFIT FROM POPULAR GIFT ANNUITIES**

Receive steady income payments for life with fixed rates as high as 9% (depending on age). Enjoy the smart gift that gives back on your terms with tax benefits.

Contact the Kuemper Foundation for a free and simple personal illustration.

Msgr. Lafferty Popular Tax Credits

Enjoy a generous 65% state tax credit back with a donation to the Monsignor Lafferty Tuition Foundation. Tax credits are limited. First come-first serve (Iowa taxpayers only).

Visit [www.kuemper.org](http://www.kuemper.org) - WAYS TO GIVE (to make a contribution online), or return the enclosed envelope to make a gift or to receive more helpful information about the Kuemper Foundation.

**CHECKLIST FOR YOU**

- Remember Kuemper Catholic School Foundation in your estate plan.

- Visit [www.kuemper.org](http://www.kuemper.org) & click the WAYS TO GIVE tab for sample bequest language & much more.

- Call Msgr. Lafferty’s office for more information about including the Kuemper Foundation in your estate plan, or with any questions about this newsletter.

- Consult & verify tax implications with your attorney and financial advisors.

**Kuemper Tomorrow Capital Campaign Surpasses $5,000,000**

Thanks to YOU, the Kuemper Tomorrow Capital Campaign is going strong. The summer of 2016 saw the complete renovation of the Kuemper High School front lobby, which is increasing security, workflow efficiencies, and the Catholic identity of the building.

**Fr. Brian Feller, Kuemper Chaplain, welcomes all to the newly constructed area inside the front entrance honoring Fr. Joseph Kuemper.**

The new Fieldhouse will be ready for use this winter. It is a two-story, 26,000 square-foot facility and features a 100-by-200 foot ground floor with a multi-purpose gym large enough to accommodate two practice basketball, volleyball, or tennis courts; a batting cage for softball, baseball and golf; and an open area large enough to run drills and practice sets for the football or soccer teams. There are also two locker rooms. The 6,000-square foot upper level will be used primarily as a practice room for wrestling.

The Kuemper Tomorrow Capital Campaign now totals $5,126,500 in gifts and pledges, surpassing its $4,63 million Celebration Goal. A $5,38 million Challenge Goal of Kuemper Tomorrow (an additional $253,500) remains for future building needs, along with a $6.5 million Jubilation Goal (an additional $1,373,500 million) for future Foundation needs including strengthening the school’s endowment fund. Supporters can still contribute to the Kuemper Tomorrow Capital Campaign by contacting the school, visiting the Kuemper website, or by returning the enclosed envelope.

**Your Goal, Your Gifts**

The end of the year can be a time to reflect on the past and to plan for the future. During this season of giving, many benefactors have made meaningful gifts and accomplished charitable goals for this year in the most effective way. Are there any causes at Kuemper you would like to support?

Contact your financial advisor to discuss the best methods of giving. Feel free to request additional information by completing the attached envelope.

**Capital Campaign Surpasses $5,000,000**

**Kuemper Catholic School Foundation Newsletter Issue 22 - Fall 2016**

**“Tis the Season of Giving**

**All articles are written in good faith, based on publicly available information.**
**The GOOD NEWS at Kuemper**

**Challenge Cup -- Kuemper has been recognized AGAIN as the highest ranking school in 2A for overall success in academics, fine arts, and athletics.**

Kuemper Catholic High School has won the 2A Bank Iowa Traveling Challenge Cup for the 5th time in the last 7 years. Bank Iowa awarded Kuemper a Crystal Challenge Cup and $2,000 to be used towards enhancing academic programs throughout the entire school system. The Bank Iowa Traveling Challenge Cup is a statewide competition among all high schools that are members of the Iowa High School Athletic Association, Iowa High School Music Association, Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union, and the Iowa High School Speech Association. A winner is determined in each of the four state classes.

Kuemper President John Steffes noted, “The Kuemper Family is very proud of this award recognizing our students’ successes in all activities from the fine arts and academics to athletics. It reminds us that our faith is what anchors all we do at Kuemper. It is the core of our mission. We know our faith-based school setting sets the tone for all student activities at Kuemper. One of my favorite signs on our campus is in our weight room which proclaims, ‘I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.’ Thanks to Bank Iowa and the IHSSN (Iowa High School Sports Network) for sponsoring this prestigious award in Iowa.”

**IRA Tax Break Permanent**

**End of Year Tax Planning Opportunity**

The Kuemper Catholic School Foundation is a qualified charity that is recognized as a 501(c)(3) organization by the Internal Revenue Service. As part of the tax extenders bill that was signed into law last year, Congress has made permanent the allowance of taxpayers who are at least 70 ½ years old to make up to $100,000 in qualified charitable distributions from their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) without including the distribution in their federal income each year.

With the tax extenders law becoming permanent, taxpayers can now make contributions at any point during the year with the confidence of the tax treatment for federal income tax purposes. Transfers to Kuemper will continue to be deemed as part of the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) calculation that is required for taxpayers when they attain the age 70 ½ and own IRAs.

There are potentially many other smart tax advantages to this technique of giving. Contact your tax advisor and/or financial planner to determine how this law could affect your current individual income tax and/or your long-term estate planning situation.

**Willey native and St. Angela Academy graduate, Helen M. Schmitz, died in 2015.**

**Virgil “Bud” Dalhoff, a wise and generous investor, died in 2015.**

Tomorrow, his planned legacy gift will help keep Catholic education more affordable for Kuemper students.

Michael Henkenius ’88 Speaks at Foundation Event

The Board of Directors of the Kuemper Foundation held their Fall Social as a thank you for all Eternal Knights and special guests. The guest speaker was Mike Henkenius, Kuemper Class of 1988. Mike is currently Assistant Vice-President Trust Officer with Union Bank and Trust in Lincoln, NE. He has a broad range of experience in charitable giving with connecting people and Catholic establishments in considering leaving a legacy through charitable giving. Mike previously was Associate Vice-President of the Steier Group in Omaha. For 15 years, he served as the Director of Planned Giving and Executive Director of the Catholic Schools Foundation for the Diocese of Lincoln.

His message included, “The Catholic faith teaches us that the blessings we have come from God. Our faith also teaches us that as Disciples of Jesus Christ, we are charged with returning those blessings back to God, to even increase them a hundredfold. We need to have an attitude of gratitude.”

**My thanks to Kuemper…**

“Saying thanks to Kuemper and all the parishes that support the Kuemper Family seems so inadequate following so many sacrifices from a plethora of persons. My life and ministry were made possible by the encouragement and unified prayers of a community that not only expects excellence from its students, but also provides the opportunities for its faculty and staff to grow with them. For instance, John Kitch, John Malett and Fr. Ed Girres, to name a few, were instrumental in teaching me the fundamentals to expect more from myself as a person and in faith and society. Last year’s class reunion helped me realize and appreciate the efforts of so many "unsung heroes" within this very blessed Catholic school. Thank You again for all the hard work of making Kuemper the great school it is today.”

**Fr. Brian Danner, Class of 1985**

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**I love working with charitable people. People who are generous and charitable with the resources God has blessed them with, are joyful and fun people to be around.**

So keep being joyful, keep being generous. God is good. And he’s never outdone in generosity. We pray that he will continue to pour out his blessings upon us.”