



QUIGLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Friends and Fellow Spartans,

Life is full of choices. While some may seem to be easy, others require great effort and sacrifice. It is these choices where the sacrifices have been made that usually result in the achievements we appreciate the most.

My parents realized the tremendous value of a Catholic education. Enrolling their four children first at St. Alphonsus Elementary School, and then at Quigley Catholic High School. They made financial sacrifices to provide for each of us the benefit of an excellent education along with a firm foundation of Catholic values.

I started my journey through the halls of Quigley in 1981. I would not fully appreciate what a priceless gift the quality education I received during my days at QCHS until I began college. It became obvious that the college prep offered at Quigley was well ahead of the curve. I attribute this excellent foundation to the Quigley Catholic faculty; their passion for teaching and the desire to offer challenges.

I arrived back in the Beaver Valley to set up my practice in 1995. Mr. Driscoll asked if I would be interested in performing the physicals for the school's athletes. So began my next journey at QCHS. As I also began working with some surrounding school's athletic programs, I found myself comparing the young adults at Quigley to the students at these other schools. I noticed a stark difference between the quality of and the respect given by the Quigley students. Why was there such a noticeable difference? Was this because they valued their education more than others? Was it because it was their choice to attend Quigley? Was it that they appreciated the sacrifice of their parents? Was it because of the dedication of the faculty? I couldn't put my finger on a specific reason, but felt that it was a combination of all of these factors.

Last year, my wife and I continued our support of Quigley when we made the decision to enroll our daughter, Sarah. We had the option of several Catholic High Schools in the North Hills, but there was just no comparison. While finances were a consideration, the quality of the education that is offered at Quigley Catholic was our prime motivator. We know that Quigley was the perfect option for our daughter now, and will be when our two sons attend in years to come.

Did you know that *Quigley Catholic has been recognized as one of the top Catholic High Schools in the nation for the last five years?* This achievement does not come easily! What is it that makes Quigley stand out from the rest? It has to be the dedication of the great faculty, some who taught many of us and now are instructing my daughter. With the well-established faculty members blended with some great young teachers, there is an enthusiasm and dedication for education, which extends beyond the classroom.

Quigley Catholic now faces a challenge that requires all of us to step forward and help. All Quigley Catholic alumni, friends, and supporters must help in this time of need so that others can be offered the same opportunities that were afforded to each of us. I currently serve on the Board of Directors with several other individuals who recognize the values and opportunities that Quigley Catholic offers. We are must address the challenging financial aspect of continuing the excellence that is provided within these walls. As the economy causes great stress in each of our lives, many families who want their children to attend Quigley Catholic are becoming unable to afford this as a choice.

Quigley Catholic has seen a 40% enrollment increase since its lowest point five years ago. A major reason for this increase was because a generous benefactor subsidized every student. And for the less fortunate he gave even more. Unfortunately, he derived his generosity from the housing market. The ill-fated economy has crippled his finances resulting in the suspension of his family's substantial contribution.

This has opened a vast void in the operating budget of the school. Although support from the Tuition Assistance Program offered by the diocese helps to offset some of the financial burden, it is not enough to cover the rising costs. Sadly, some families will have to choose to withdraw their children from Quigley Catholic due to a lack of financial aid.

Recently, several closings of some Catholic schools were announced, including Mount Gallitzin and St. Titus. It is critical that efforts are undertaken now so that Quigley does not face the same fate. Being the only Catholic high school in the Beaver Valley, we need to do everything within our power to make sure the school remains viable, especially when times are tough.

As alumni and supporters, we need to help the school that for over four decades has helped others. Now is the time to act, whether by direct monetary contributions, the Education Improvement Tax Credit (www.qchs.org), supporting fundraisers and events or through your daily prayers. I encourage you to renew your support of our school, so that others may experience the benefits of Quigley Catholic college prep education.

Of all of the schools that I have attended, I believe that Quigley Catholic has provided the most benefit to me. My parents recognized and valued those benefits, and now, as a parent, I have come to value them as well. My goal has become to see Quigley Catholic remain open for families who value an outstanding education and a sturdy foundation of Catholic values for years to come. **I urgently ask you to join me, along with others in support in our great school, Quigley Catholic High School.**

Sincerely,

**Dr. Jeffrey Hein,
QCHS Class of 1985**