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2022 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

DAN O'BRIEN
MAN OF THE YEAR
RECIPIENT

MR. DOUG TERNIK
PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC

MR. BILL CALLAHAN
MENDEL CATHOLIC

MR. PAUL CHABURA
GORDON TECH

MR. BOBBY FRASOR
BROTHER RICE

MR. DAN GALANTE
LOYOLA ACADEMY

MR. ANTOINE GILLESPIE
GORDON TECH

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SAINT IGNATIUS/DEPAUL PREP

MR. MIKE KAFKA
ST. RITA

MR. PETE LOTUS
ST. LAURENCE

MR. LUKE MCGUIRE
FENWICK

MRS. CINDY OLYCZK
PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC

MR. RON PLANTZ
GORDON TECH

MR. DAN REAL
OFFICIAL





MR. BILL CALLAHAN

Bill Callahan began his football career on Chicago's South Side as a quarterback for Mendel Catholic High School. After graduating in 1974 he pursued collegiate ball at Illinois Benedictine College, now Benedictine University, starting behind center from 1975-77. As a player for the Eagles he received honorable-mention All America honors in 1976 and 1977, notching him a spot in Benedictine University Athletics Hall of Fame in 2005.

Entering his 45th year as a coach, Callahan started in the prep ranks at Oak Lawn HS, moving to De La Salle HS, and then to the University of Illinois. He helped the Illini win a Big Ten Championship and earn a trip to the Rose Bowl in 1984. He coached the offensive line at Northern Arizona University and was the Offensive Coordinator at Southern Illinois University before a five year stint as the Offensive Line Coach for the University of Wisconsin, winning a Big 10 Championship in 1993 and a Rose Bowl victory in 1994. He also served as the Head Coach of the University of Nebraska from 2004-2008, taking them to the Big 12 Championship game in 2006.

His NFL career started with the Philadelphia Eagles in 1995, as Offensive Line Coach. He was hired by the Oakland Raiders as Offensive Coordinator in 1998, and was named Head Coach in 2002. That year, Oakland set a franchise record for total offense en route to becoming AFC Champions and appearing in the Super Bowl XXXVII. He became the fourth rookie head coach in NFL history to earn a Super Bowl berth. As a result of that success he was named Coach of the Year by the Columbus (OH) Touchdown Club and Rookie Coach of the Year by Football Digest. As an assistant with the New York Jets (assistant head coach/offensive line), he was instrumental in their appearance in two AFC Championship games, with his line paving the way for the Jets to lead the league in rushing in 2009, and receiving recognition as the Assistant Coach of the Year by Sports Illustrated. Bill has also coached for the Dallas Cowboys (offensive coordinator/offensive line), the Washington Redskins (assistant head coach, offensive line, interim Head Coach 2019), and is currently the offensive line coach for the Cleveland Browns. In total, he has been a part of offensive staffs that finished in the top five in rushing or passing 13 times. Callahan has also coached 14 of his linemen to combine for 32 Pro Bowl selections, and has been a part of 21 post season playoff appearances.

Callahan and his wife, Valerie (Trinity High School) have four children and four grandchildren.

MENDEL
CATHOLIC

CLASS OF '74





MR. PAUL CHABURA

Paul Chabura grew up on the north side of the city (Logan Square) where he attended St. Hyacinth and Gordon Tech.

While at Gordon Tech, Paul played football for Catholic League Hall of Famer, Tom Winiiecki. Paul was All Catholic league his senior year and was recognized as the team's Most Valuable Offensive player, as well as, team MVP. After graduating from Gordon Tech Paul continued his football career at Winona State University. He was named captain his senior year and helped the Warriors earn their first trip to the NCAA Division II football playoffs. Paul graduated with a B.S. in Marketing from Winona State and upon graduation, he immediately returned to Gordon Tech to begin his professional career. During his tenure with the Rams he would earn his Master's in Education from Loyola University.

For the next 16 years Paul served many roles at Gordon Tech. He was a teacher, Admissions Director, Principal and Athletic Director. During his time at Gordon Tech/DePaul Prep he was recognized as the District 1 IADA Athletic Director of the year for the 2013-14 school year and was given the DePaul Prep Service award in 2015-16. It was during his time as the Athletic Director at GT when Paul began his work with the Chicago Catholic League.

During the past 14 years he has assisted on many committees and for the past nine years has served as the Secretary for the League. He has been the moderator of the league website and helped with its launch. He is a member of the Parity Committee and assisted in the football merger of both the Catholic League and East Suburban Catholic Conference.

He has served as the President of the Chicago Catholic League Coaches Association since 2018.

He currently serves as the Athletic Director at Marmion Academy. As a product of single-sex education he is proud to continue his career in an all-male institution.

Paul and his wife, Jamie, reside in Norridge with their two children, Madeleine and Thomas. He is the proud son of Jan & Wanda Chabura.

GORDON
TECH

CLASS OF '97





MR. BOBBY FRASOR

The Blue Island, IL native attended St. Benedict school before choosing to attend Brother Rice High School.

While at Brother Rice, Frasor played three years of varsity basketball, winning two sectional championships and one Super-Sectional. Frasor was the Tony Lawless recipient as a senior, a McDonald's All-American, and he still holds the record for career assists at Brother Rice.

After high school, he attended the University of North Carolina (UNC) to play for legendary coach Roy Williams. Frasor's graduating class is the winningest class in UNC history. They won three ACC Regular Season Championships, two ACC Tournaments, played in two Final Fours, and won the NCAA Championship in 2009.

He played professionally in Europe for two seasons after college. Bobby then jumped into the coaching profession spending three seasons at the collegiate level before moving back to Chicago to take over at Brother Rice. He just completed his 7th season at Brother Rice and has won two Catholic League Championships and two regional championships.

**BROTHER
RICE**

CLASS OF '05





MR. DAN GALANTE

Dan Galante's football career was a study in commitment, discipline, courage, and love-of-the-game. Dan fronted the Loyola Academy defensive line for two seasons, eventuating in his senior-year selections as captain, First Team All-Catholic League, and Skoglund Scholar-Athlete Award winner. Loyola inducted him into its Hall of Fame in 2004.

As a four-year starter at Lawrence, he led Lawrence to a conference championship in 1986. In addition, Dan received recognition as a four-time First Team All-Conference (the second player in Lawrence football to bag such honor) and a four-time All-American (the only player in the school's history to earn that distinction). He captained the team for 3 years while earning Team MVP Awards from 84-86. He received national acclaim as a consecutive Pizza Hut and Associated Press First Team selections (1985, 86) as well as 2nd Team Academic All-American honors in 1986. Lawrence inducted Dan into its Hall of Fame in 1998. In 2021, the Midwest Conference honored him as one of its top 100 athletes in its Centennial Season.

His playing days behind him, Dan launched what is now a 35-year coaching career. With stops at New Trier (varsity assistant, 1987), Northwestern University (graduate assistant, 1988-89), and North Park University (defensive coordinator and associate head coach, 1990-2000). While at North Park, he recruited many Catholic League players and helped make the program competitive. He was inducted into the North Park Hall of Fame in 2001.

Dan moved onto become head coach for 16 seasons at St. Patrick High School where he guided the Shamrocks to school records of eight state playoff appearances and 77 wins. After four years as an assistant at DePaul Prep, Galante returned to St. Patrick where he now coaches as a Varsity Assistant and works in Admissions and Athletics.

Dan and his wife, Mary, reside in Chicago.

LOYOLA
ACADEMY

CLASS OF '83





MR. ANTOINE GILLESPIE

Antoine grew up on the west side of Chicago and attended La Salle grammar school before taking his talents to Gordon Tech.

While at Gordon Tech, Antoine was a member of one of the finest basketball teams the Catholic League has ever produced. He helped the Rams to three IHSA Regional titles; one Sectional title and a State runner-up finish in 1990. The Rams captured two Chicago Catholic League championships during his tenure, with an overall varsity record of 54-6. He once scored 41 points against New Trier in a loss in the sectional final of his senior year.

He was a two-time East Aurora All-Tournament team selection; a two-time All Catholic League recipient and during his senior year he was also an All-Area, All-State and honorable mention All American selection. He is second on Gordon Tech's leading career scoring average.

He earned a basketball scholarship to the University of Texas, El Paso (UTEP), where in only three seasons (94 games) he became the school's all-time leading scorer, surpassing NBA legend - Tim Hardaway. He was the first player in UTEP history to average over twenty points per game for two-consecutive seasons. He led UTEP to two NIT births. He was a two-time first team All WAC selection and would later be selected to the WAC All-Centennial team.

Antoine would later have a very long and prosperous professional career. It started with the Philadelphia 76ers, but it would evolve to playing all over the world (23 countries) over the span of fifteen years.

Antoine currently resides in Geneva, Switzerland where he is the founder and CEO of F&B International Sarl, Owner AG Group Sarl and founder of Reignbro.

GORDON
TECH

CLASS OF '91





MR. KENNY GRYZWA

Ken grew up on the Northside of Chicago where he graduated from St. Benedict High School(class of '75).

There is where he played and developed his love for basketball.

He returned to his alma mater coaching the Frosh-Soph from '83-'86. Under Ken the Sophomore's recorded a record of 36-22, including a South Central Prep Championship in 1984.

After leaving St. Benedict to start a family, he coached at Queen of All Saints and St. Helen grade schools, along with The Windy City Wildcats club team. He co-managed The Chicago Crusaders traveling baseball team from 1997-2001. The Crusaders went 207-38, including twenty tournament championships. Seven players went on to play D1 baseball (including 3 CCL players) three of the seven were MLB draft picks.

Ken joined the Saint Ignatius basketball program in 2003, coaching there until 2013. Helming the Frosh-Soph from 2003-2012, Ken coached the Sophomores to 196-52 record, including 87-21 and five Championships in CCL play. He also assisted head coach Rich Kehoe, helping the Pack to three Catholic League Championships and two IHSA Regional titles.

Ken joined coach Tommy Kleinschmidt at Gordon Tech in 2013. Assisting Tommy from 2013-2021. Gordon Tech transitioned to DePaul Prep as the program regained its elite status in the CCL. The Rams racked up seven straight regional titles. A sectional crown, and a trip to the 3A Final Four in 2019. In 2021 they finished with a season ending #1 ranking by the Sun-Times. During Ken's tenure the Rams earned a 168-70 record including 21-8 in state play.

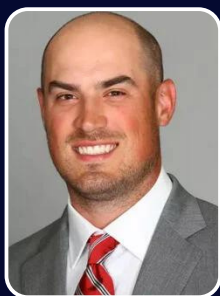
Ken is blessed to have received the support of his wife of 39 years JoAnn, along with his three children Natalie, Ryan, and Alysse.

SAINT
IGNATIUS
2003 - 2013



DEPAUL
PREP
2013 - 2021





MR. MIKE KAFKA

Mike is a proud graduate of St. Mary Star of the Sea on the south side of Chicago where he developed his athletic talents.

After graduating from St. Mary Star of the Sea he took his talents to 79th and Western and joined the St. Rita family.

Mike was a two-sport athlete for the Mustangs (Football & Baseball). In football he led the Mustangs to the IHSA Semi-Finals as a junior. As a senior he received All-Conference recognition and was the Offensive Player of the Year in the Blue division after leading the Mustangs back to the IHSA playoffs.

He attracted many offers and decided to stay local and attend Northwestern University. In 2009, Mike's senior year, he would earn second All-Big Ten honors, while leading the Big Ten in total passing yards (3,084) and helping the Wildcats to an 8-5 overall record and a memorable Outback Bowl appearance. Mike still holds many Outback Bowl records including: number of pass attempts (78), number of pass completions (47), number of passing yards (532). His 98 total plays and 566 total yards are also Outback Bowl records.

He was then drafted in the fourth round by the Philadelphia Eagles which started a five year career in the NFL where he played for seven different franchises (Eagles, Patriots, Jaguars, Buccaneers, Vikings, Titans, and Bengals).

After his NFL career he immediately began his coaching career with a Graduate Assistant position at Northwestern University. After one year with his Alma Mater, he was hired by his former coach, Andy Reid, and the Kansas City Chiefs. He began as the offensive quality control coach before being promoted as the team's Quarterback coach in 2018. During that year he would help Patrick Mahomes earn his first Pro-Bowl selection, as well as, his first NFL MVP award. Mike would earn a Super Bowl ring after the Chiefs claimed Super Bowl LIV and later gain the responsibilities of passing coordinator in 2021.

He has recently been hired as the Offensive Coordinator for the New York Giants.

Mike is married to his beautiful bride Allison and they both are proud parents of a baby girl!

SAINT
RITA

CLASS OF '05





MR. PETE LOTUS

Pete Lotus is a proud graduate of St. Laurence High School, class of 1994.

At St. Laurence, Pete was a four-year member of the Baseball, Basketball, and Football teams, earning All-Chicago Catholic League in all three sports. He also was a First Team All-Area selection in both Baseball and Football his senior year. Pete's baseball class of 1994 was Chicago Catholic League Champions in all four years of high school. The 1993 team was IHSA Regional and Sectional champions and finished 3rd in the State of Illinois.

Following his high school career, Pete attended the University of Illinois-Chicago(UIC) on a Baseball scholarship. Lotus was a four-year starter in center field for the Flames, earning First-Team All-Midcontinent Conference honors during his senior season. At the time of graduation, he ranked in the top ten all time at UIC in hits, triples, and walks.

Following graduation, Pete worked at UIC as a graduate assistant under long-time coach Mike Dee, as well as eventually working in the athletic department as an Assistant Strength & Conditioning coach.

In 2003, Pete came back to St. Laurence to teach and coach Baseball and Football. He was named St. Laurence's head baseball coach in 2005. During his 16-year tenure, St. Laurence has averaged 30 wins a year and captured nine Chicago Catholic League Championships and 14 IHSA Regional Championships, including 12 in a row. St. Laurence has also won 4 Sectional titles, 3 Super-Sectionals, and 3 state trophies, including two 3rd place finishes and a State Runner-up under Lotus' command. Pete has been awarded the Anthony Lawless Award for Most Outstanding Coach in the Chicago Catholic League five times (2006, 2008, 2009, 2011, & 2018). Last year, he was named the 2020 National Federation of High School Baseball (NFHS) Coach of the Year.

Pete has had the privilege of coaching four 1st-Team All-Americans and a Gatorade Player of the Year. Additionally, Lotus' teams have produced 82 1st- or 2nd-team All-Area players and 19 All-State players. Pete has sent 118 players on to play in college programs, including 45 at the Division I level.

Pete currently serves as the Director of Strategic Development at St. Laurence and is the International Baccalaureate Coordinator. In 2008, he was recognized as the Blessed Edmund Rice Distinguished Teacher of the Year. Pete was inducted into the St. Laurence Athletic Hall of Fame in November 2007.

Pete and his wife Nikki reside in New Lenox, Illinois and are the proud parents of their five children, Easton, Emma, Mickey, Demi, and Peter.

SAINT
LAURENCE

CLASS OF '94





MR. LUKE MCGUIRE

Luke McGuire was the Co-Captain of the first team in Illinois' history to win both the state of Illinois Swimming and Water Polo Championships in the same year. As a Senior he was the CCL 100 freestyle Champion, as well as a member of the championship 200 medley and 400 freestyle relays at the CCL Championship Meet. He was a member of the State Champion 400 freestyle relay team along with Ed Pierce, Tim Dragas, and Dan Lynch, and was the Co-Captain of the Illinois State Water Polo Champions. In his Senior year, he compiled 52 goals, 25 assists, and 41 steals. McGuire claims, without verification, that he holds the record for the three fastest kickouts in a State of Illinois Championship Water Polo game.

McGuire went on to swim at the University of Wisconsin with Co-Captain and best friend Dan Lynch, under the tutelage of CCL Hall of Famers Jack Pettinger and Jerry Darda. Teammate Ed Pierce joined them a year later.

McGuire's coaching career started in 2005 with the encouragement of another CCL Hall of Famer, Dave Perry. In McGuire's tenure as Varsity Head Coach, he was fortunate to coach dozens of All Americans, his favorites being his sons and the relay team that broke his 25-year standing 400 freestyle relay team record.

As Aquatics Director, McGuire is humbled to have coached 33 athletes that went on to swim or play water polo in college in addition to 150 All-American, All-State, All-Conference, and All-Academic student athletes.

McGuire respectfully receives this award on behalf of his family, his teammates, his mentors, and the coaches, officials and athletes that became his lifelong friends.

FENWICK

CLASS OF '90





MRS. CINDY OLCZYK

Cynthia Olczyk, “Cindy, aka Coach O”, was born in Chicago. She is the third child with 12 siblings. She is a graduate of Our Lady of the Snows grammar school. Cindy attended a dual program for high school, St. Paul / J.F. Kennedy graduating in 1970. She attended the U of I for one year prior to joining the work force for two years. Cindy married Richard, “the husband”, in 1970 and moved to Maine where he was stationed in the Air Force. She attended the U of Maine for a year and a half before returning to Illinois. Cindy attended George Williams College where she earned her BS in PE and her Master’s in Counseling from Lewis University.

**PROVIDENCE
CATHOLIC
1993 - 2010**

Coach O began teaching at St. Mary’s in Downers Grove when she received an invitation to coach girls volleyball at Montini High School. Thus began her coaching career. She has also coached at Oak Lawn HS and Andrew HS. Coach O began teaching and coaching at Providence Catholic Hs in 1990. She began the boys program there in 1992. Her coaching record from ’93 - ’10 was 336 - 195. Coach O won 4 Regional titles, 2 Sectional titles and made 2 State appearances. In 1998 Providence was in the Final Eight. In 2008 Providence took home the 4th Place State Trophy.

Coach Olczyk was awarded the Anthony R Lawless, Chicago Catholic League, Coach of the Year Award 7 times; ’97, ’98, ’00, ’05, ’06, ’08 and 2010.





MR. RON PLANTZ

Ron Plantz was born and raised on the Northwest side of Chicago with his five brothers and sisters. A parishioner of St. Wenceslaus, he started his Chicago Catholic League career at Gordon Tech in 1978, where he earned varsity letters in both football and wrestling.

On the football field, Ron was known for being a quiet leader but ferocious competitor. He was a 3-year varsity member and 2-year starter, playing both offensive and defensive tackle under legendary CCL Hall of Fame coach Tom Winiecki. As a junior, he led the Rams to secure the 1980 Class 6A State Championship title. In addition to his All-State recognition, Ron was an All-Catholic League performer and named a High School Football All American. Along with his football trophies and accolades, Ron was a 3-year varsity starter as a heavyweight wrestler where he earned Catholic League and Regional Wrestling Champion titles.

After graduating from Gordon Tech in 1982, Ron earned a football scholarship to the University of Notre Dame where he received a degree in Accounting. During his time at Notre Dame, Ron was a 4-year letter winner and 3-year starter on the offensive line. Upon graduating in 1986, Ron went on to play offensive line for the Indianapolis Colts.

After retiring from the NFL, Ron continued his career in accounting—but never strayed far from the football field. He was an offensive line coach on Joe Bunge's Naperville Central teams throughout the 1990s. In 2004, Ron co-founded the Frankfort Falcons Youth Football and Cheer Program. His three sons Tyler, Zac, and Logan were all members of the inaugural Falcons junior football team; his daughter Abrielle would later join the Falcons cheerleading squad. This organization has continued to grow and expand since its inception, currently offering over 500 local youth the opportunity to participate in competitive sports.

In addition to kickstarting the Falcon's youth program, Ron was also a member of Mark Coglianese's Providence Catholic football coaching staff from 2005 to 2012. All four of his children went on to attend Providence Catholic. Tyler, Zac, and Logan were each recognized as All Catholic League and Illinois All State during their football tenures at Providence.

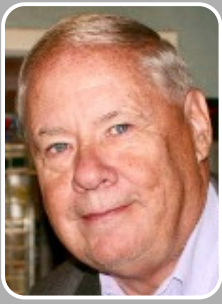
They continued their careers at Notre Dame in football and rugby. Ron's daughter, Abrielle, is currently a sophomore at St. Mary's College. Ron's guidance and mentorship over the years has made an impact on the lives of many—he is still referred to as "Coach Plantz" by those who have long outgrown their days on the Falcons and Celtics football fields. His leadership has inspired confidence and provided a foundation for many coaches who desire to lead their own programs—most notable, perhaps, being his son Tyler, who recently returned to Providence Catholic to become their third Head Football Coach and Assistant Athletic Director.

Ron currently resides in Frankfort, IL with his wife Laura, a proud alumna of Mother McAuley High School and St. Mary's College. He is the founder and current president of medical device company, Authorized Acquisitions, but is most proud to be the father and forever coach of his four children. They are his greatest accomplishments in life, and he'd like to dedicate this CCL HOF honor to them.

GORDON
TECH

CLASS OF '82





MR. DAN REAL

Dan started working high school basketball 48 years ago and his first game in the Catholic League was at St. Rita. He continues working in the Catholic League and still has great memories of all the Friday night conference games, most of which were two-man officiating crews.

Dan was lucky to have learned the game from Donnie Hakes and Ray Doran and many others along the way. Even though he experienced working in all the leagues, working the Catholic League always got you ready for the the prestigious Thanksgiving and Christmas Tournaments, not to mention, the IHSA year end tournaments.

During his career he was able to work the Big Dipper at Rich South for over 20 years and the Proviso West Tournament for 20 years where many Catholic League teams played each year. His career included yearly IHSA regional assignments, over 25 sectionals, 7 Super-Sectionals and 3 trips downstate for the IHSA State finals.

Dan noted: the one thing you knew when working a game with a Catholic League team is that the teams will be coached extremely well, the kids will play hard to the buzzer, the fans will never stop cheering and you might be called things not heard in the Catholic Church. Lots of times you were given a beer or pop after the hard played games. Nothing is the same as it was in the "OLD DAYS" but he is proud to have been a part of those days and games and very proud to be a new member in the Catholic League Hall of Fame.

IHSA
OFFICIAL

1974 - PRESENT





MR. DOUG TERNIK

Coach Doug Ternik grew up in New Lenox, Illinois and is a 1989 graduate of Providence Catholic High School.

Doug played Football and Baseball at Providence. He was an All-Conference player for both sports. Doug was also a captain for the Football team and won a Football State Championship in 1987.

After Graduating from Providence , Doug played collegiate baseball at Brevard Junior College in Melbourne, Florida and then Columbus State University in Georgia where he was named the “Most Valuable Baseball Player” in 1993. Doug earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Education with a minor in Health. He received his Master’s Degree in School Leadership from Concordia University in River Forest, Illinois.

After college, Coach Ternik started his career at his Alma Mater, Providence Catholic High School as a teacher in 1994 where he developed the “Health Program” curriculum. He also started Assistant Coaching Football and Baseball that same year. He became the Offensive Coordinator for the Football program in 2001. He has nine State Championships as a coach for football at Providence Catholic. He took over the Athletic Director position in 2006 from Head Football Coach Matt Senffner. Doug is only the third Athletic Director in the history of Providence Catholic and has seven State Championships in that position for Cheer, Dance, Hockey, Baseball and Football.

Doug has been the Chicago Catholic League Board of Control President since 2018. He was instrumental in the football merger between the Catholic League and the East Suburban Catholic Conference in 2019. He continues as a representative of the Parity Committee and has been Awards Coordinator since 2006. He is also part of the expansion committee with three additional schools coming into the Catholic League in 2023.

Coach Ternik lives in Shorewood with his wife of 22 years Kim and his three children, Jake who will graduate from Grand Valley State this year with a degree in Criminal Justice, Kaitlyn a graduating senior at Providence who will attend the University of Kentucky where she will study nursing and Madison who is currently a high honors Freshmen at Providence.

**DAN O'BRIEN
MAN OF
THE YEAR
RECIPIENT**

**PROVIDENCE
CATHOLIC**

CLASS OF '89



CHICAGO CATHOLIC LEAGUE

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HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

ED ADAMS
MARVE ADAMS*
RAY ADAMS*
ALEX AGASE*
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DOM AMIDEI*
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GEORGE BADKE*
FRED BAER*
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BOB BAGGOT*
DAN BAGLEY*
WILLIAM BAMRICK*
CAS BANASZEK
ANDRE BANKS
HENRY "BABE" BARANOWSKI*
WALT BARNES
TONY BARONE*
BILL BARRETT*
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MIKE BARRY
SCOTT BAUM
TAYLOR BELL
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CHRIS BOSKEY
PHIL BOUZEOS
JOHN BOWLER
JOHN BOYLE*
KEVIN BOYLE
PAT BOYLE
HENRY BRANDT*
AL BRANDT
TERRY BRENNAN
NEIL BRESNAHAN
GERALD BROCKHOUSE*
EDWARD BRONSON*
GREG BROOKS
ROGER BROWN*
WARREN BROWN*
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CHET BULGER*
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JOHN CARROLL
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AL CECH*
PAUL CHABURA
RODNEY CHAMBERS
RON CHERNICK
GENE CHESS
BOB CHMIEL
JIM CLANCY
JOHN CLELAND
DAVE CONDON*
JIM CONNELLY
JOHN CONNELLY*

CHICAGO CATHOLIC LEAGUE

EST. 1912

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

GEORGE CONNOR*
JACK CONNOR*
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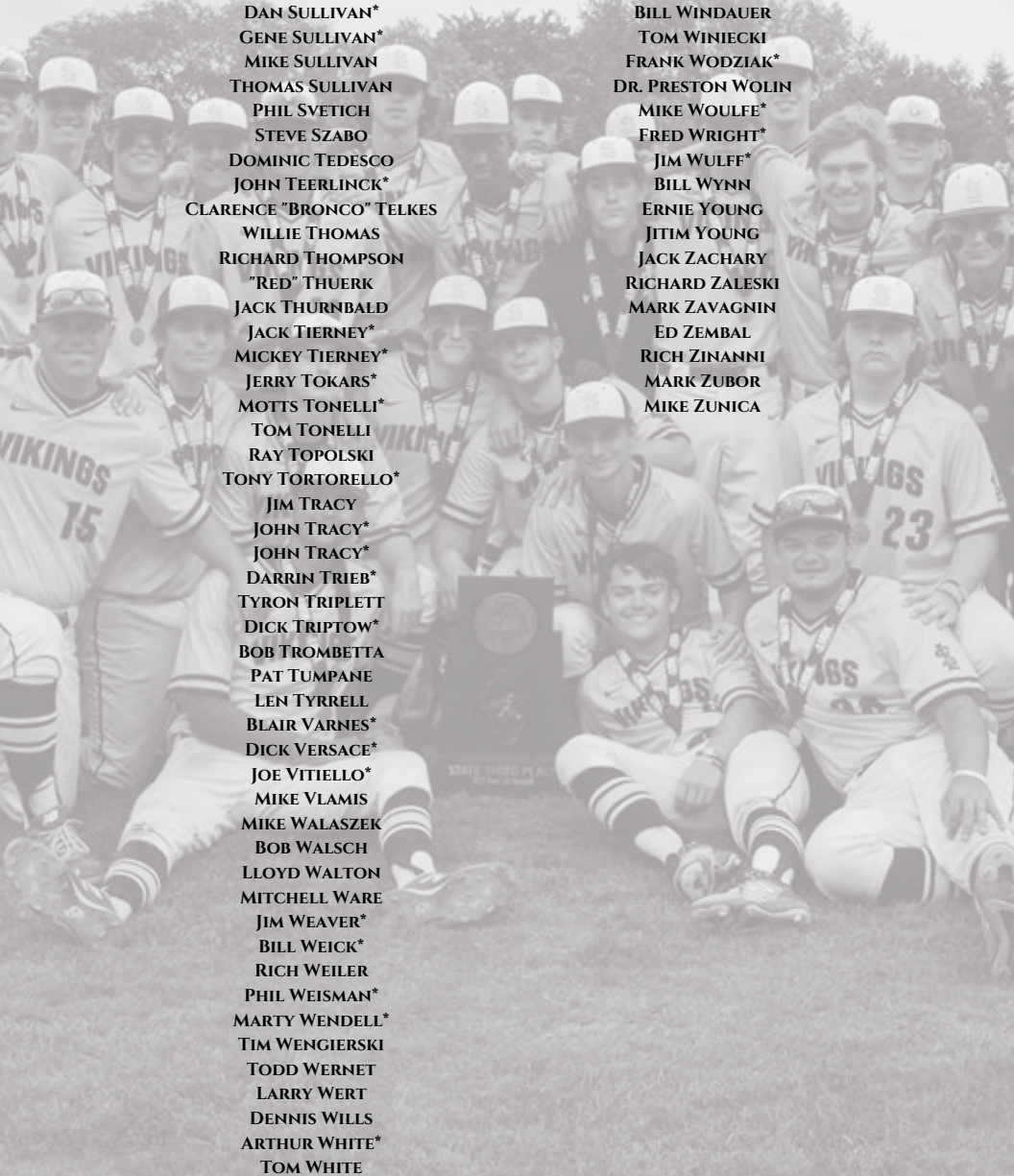
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HISTORY OF THE CHICAGO CATHOLIC LEAGUE

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Though not the oldest high school athletic conference in the state of Illinois (the former Suburban League holds that distinction), the Chicago Catholic League has been in operation longer than any other. It all began on October 3, 1912 when representatives of eight parochial schools met in Chicago's Great Northern Hotel (demolished in 1992) to found the Catholic League. Those charter members were Loyola Academy, St. Cyril (Mt Carmel), DePaul Academy, St. Philip, St. Ignatius, De La Salle, Cathedral and St. Stanislaus. In that very first year of its existence, the League sponsored only basketball and indoor baseball. Football competition was to follow in the 1913-14 school year, track in 1916-17 swimming, golf, and tennis in 1923-24, cross country in 1946-47, wrestling in 1964-65, water polo in 1965-66, soccer in 1967 and volleyball in 1993. Baseball was dropped after the 1930 season but was reinstated in the 1957-58 season.

For the first 71 years of its existence, the Chicago Catholic League operated independently of the Illinois High School Association (IHSA). The League's renown, especially in football and basketball, was recognized nationwide. But, during the late 1960's and early 1970's, as the need developed for a wider base of competition especially in such sports as swimming, track, wrestling, golf, tennis and baseball, the principals of the League's schools began to consider the possibility of joining the IHSA. After much discussion, many arguments over pros and cons, and several meetings with the IHSA staff, the Catholic League's Principals voted 11-1 in favor of joining the State Association. Thought the momentous vote was taken on January 30, 1973, the actual entrance into the IHSA did not take place until June 10, 1974. The reason for the 18-month wait was to give the League a full year of athletic competition during which it could make the transition to those rules and practices of the IHSA which differed from those current at the time in the Catholic League. Though there was a multitude of objections from many in the Catholic League to the decision to join IHSA, the benefits that have accrued to the Catholic League schools and students since 1974 have far outweighed the original objections.

