



# CAMPION CLASS OF 1964

## REUNION WEEKEND 2004

The class gathering over July 23-25 was a success .... because it was fun for classmates and their spouses, it was a chance to celebrate our years together, to share memories, to remember our former faculty mentors, it was an appropriate memorial for our dead, and a time to reflect individually and together in small groups upon our own lives ... but especially because it reconnected old friends and expanded each person's network of current friends.

We had 46 guys coming from over 20 states and Canada, [the average travel distance was over 1000 miles], 23 wives, 4 former faculty. 16 additional Jesuit faculty sent letters to the class.

Planning began the year before with the class survey selecting Prairie du Chien as the venue. Tom and Barb Rink made the many local arrangements. Various members contacted each other to make this a priority event for couples. Bob Lachance and Bill Morrow teamed up to produce the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Issue of the **Campion-Ette**. The issue contained a re-dedication to Fr. Kalb, Senior photos, a Memorial section, Faculty Lists, Highlights from the 1960-64 years, a brief History of Campion, and excerpts from the Rulebook. Pat Mower produced name-tags with old photos. Engraved Campion '64 souvenir pens were arranged by Rick Ansay and were presented as gifts to the class through the generosity of several members. Pete Cline distributed CDs of music from the early 1960s. Ray Novey brought items from the old campus store as door prizes. Joe Hrcirnik and Ray Novey took most of the photos included with this report. Michael Burke worked with Fr. Fitzgerald in planning and conducting the liturgy for Sunday.

We reconnected, valued one another once again, made "new" friends, and deepened the relationships we have found over the years with classmates and spouses.

**FRIDAY:** Members of the class and their spouses began arriving by mid-day. There was a tour of the prison campus for those interested during the afternoon. The reception and buffet dinner Friday night at The Barn in Frenchtown worked exceptionally well to re-introduce each other and get folks comfortable enough to move away from just the rehashing of old memories and on to the realities of present lives, without getting caught up playing dueling careers or dueling gold cards. Some even commented that they felt they had spent more time talking over the weekend with some from the class than they had during the years as students.

**SATURDAY:** On Saturday morning and afternoon people connected individually and as couples for outings in the area or to find some place to visit with each other. The Dinner Cruise on the Paddle-wheel Riverboat Julia Belle Swain [<http://www.juliabelle.com>] was a great way to enjoy the Mississippi on a pleasant evening, get to know each other better, support each other, share some recollections, and have a chance to laugh together. On the return trip Pat Mower went up on the third deck to play the old steam calliope for us and the people along the shore. We then adjourned to the Country Club for several more hours of "class discussion."

**SUNDAY:** The private Memorial Mass at St. John Nepomucene may have been the high point of the weekend ... a former faculty as celebrant, classmates on organ, vocal solos, various roles in scripture readings and other participation in the liturgy ... including the touching and thoughtful eulogy by Michael Burke for those 15 or more who we know have already died. Fr. Fitzgerald reflected in the homily upon our past, our present, and our future as members of the Class of 1964. The Class then adjourned to Huckleberry's Restaurant for brunch and protracted farewells ... with promises to stay in touch.

Those attending: Bob Anderson, Rick Ansay, Joe Fabian Burke, Michael J. Burke, Pete Cline, Mike Cunningham, John Delaney, Pat Deluhrey, John Dunn, John "Jack" Egan, Bill Englehart, Val Eversgerd, Dick Farina, Mark Farrell, Frank Foley, Vince Flood, Dan Garrity, Frank Geppert, Mark Golbach, Jim Grooms, Mike Hardie, Jim Hidding, Joe Hrcirik, Dennis Jackowski, Ed Johnston, Mark Kisting, Bill Krecklow, Bob Lachance, Mark Lochner, Ed Lyons, Rob McCoy, Dan MacDonald, Bill Morrow, Pat Mower, Rick Mullin, Ray Novey, Jerry O'Kane, Dave Parker, Dave Preng, George Reardon, Tom Rink, Howie Sachs, Scott Sayer, Cliff Schroeder, Bob Shiley, Vince Yelmini. The former faculty attending were Joe O'Neill, "Doc" Garrity, "Moe" Oehler, and Fr. Jim Fitzgerald.

Sending letters were Frs. Kalb, Doran, G. Lucey, F. Burke, O'Leary, Benzinger, Schloemer, Mathie, Teske, Rauscher, Jim Egan, Joe Eagan, Tom Hoffman, Ted Kalamaja, Jack Wambach, ... and, belatedly, Bob Power.