

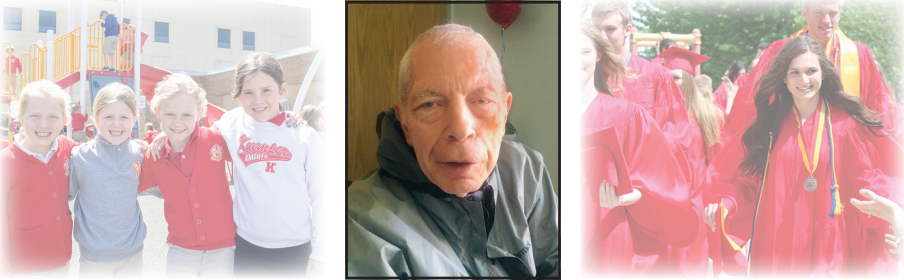
My thanks to Kuemper... Thank you!

“We will always be thankful for the wonderful Catholic education that Kuemper has given to us and our family. We were fortunate to attend Kuemper and start a tradition of Catholic education for our children and grandchildren. Kuemper instilled in us the core values of faith, service, and stewardship that we have passed on to our future generations, as both of our parents did for us. The teachers and staff at Kuemper were memorable and excellent role models for both of us as we began our adult lives. We will forever be grateful to be a part of the Kuemper Family. We thank those who have supported Kuemper in the past and present. We ask for their continued prayers and support for this wonderful school system.”



Daryl and Kris (Meyer) Quandt
Daryl is Class of 1972 & Kris is 1973.

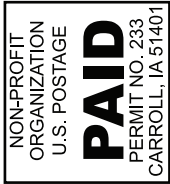
Ron Ocken, a truly incredible and generous man, remembers Kuemper



Tomorrow, his carefully planned legacy gift will keep advancing the mission of Catholic education.

Ron is fondly remembered as a truly incredible man. He never let his disabilities of being blind or deaf stop him from achieving his goals or enjoying life. Ron had 34 nieces and nephews, with 20 graduating from Kuemper. In addition, he had 27 great nieces and nephews who are Kuemper graduates and four great-great nieces and nephew attending or graduated from Kuemper.

Ron’s memory, and his importance of overcoming disabilities and handicaps in life, will be permanently remembered through his generosity with his estate gift to the Kuemper Foundation. Ron is making a difference for many children by advancing the mission of Catholic education today and for tomorrow. Include the Kuemper Foundation in your Will or estate plan. Contact your attorney, financial advisor or the Kuemper Foundation to learn how.



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The Kuemper Foundation

CHECKLIST FOR YOU

You can return the enclosed envelope to make a gift or to receive more helpful information about the Kuemper Foundation.

Visit your attorney and trusted advisor about including Kuemper in your estate plans.

Visit www.kuemper.org & click the **DONATE** tab for sample bequest language & much more.

Call our office for more information about including the Kuemper Foundation in your estate plan or with any questions about this newsletter.

Sharon (Daniel ‘74) Olerich, Director of Development

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

KUEMPER CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER
“Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others.” - Booker T. Washington
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KUEMPER CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION
CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCEMENT

After months of hard work, careful planning and plenty of prayer, we are pleased to announce that the Kuemper Foundation is moving forward with a capital campaign to upgrade and enhance our facilities and grow our long-term Foundation funds for teacher salaries and tuition assistance. During our recent formal planning study to research a possible campaign, the vast majority of respondents were in favor of and indicated they would financially support a capital campaign.

The theme of our campaign is
FAITH FORWARD...Building Excellence in Mind, Body & Soul

The **FAITH FORWARD** campaign theme is fitting for the Kuemper community because we can reflect on the faith in our academic excellence, especially with the emphasis on our teachers in this campaign and our faith in them and their dedication to academics. The tagline **Building Excellence in Mind, Body & Soul** is a reference to Kuemper’s Mission Statement “to provide excellent Catholic education of mind, body and soul to empower all students to achieve to the best of their abilities in fulfillment of God’s call.”

It is an exciting time for Kuemper as we continue to provide support to lay a strong foundation for a positive future. To be successful, we will rely on every Kuemper Family to provide support. In the coming weeks and months you will learn much more about the campaign and the many various ways you can show your faith in Kuemper and support our cause. In the meantime, please pray for our Kuemper leaders and the many volunteers who will be working diligently to ensure a successful outcome. **FAITH FORWARD!**



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** – David Bruner and Ed[†] & Kathleen (Katie) Lawler.

Why I Became An Eternal Knight.....

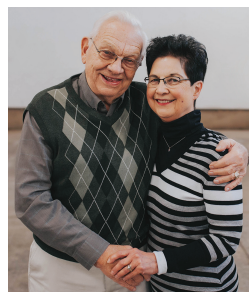
"I have had the privilege of being a part of a Catholic school system for the past 37 out of my 44 years of being a priest. Over those years, and especially my last seven years when I was not near a Catholic school, I have been so impressed with the students attending a Catholic school. When asked, why do you support Catholic Schools? - I often say it is hard to explain, but you can see and feel a difference. I have had the opportunity to attend the Sacred Heart Catholic School in Templeton and then Kuemper Catholic School. After I was ordained, I taught and did administrative work for my first three years and later returned as President.



"I joined the Eternal Knights in 2007 because of how it encouraged my faith and planted the seeds of my vocation. As a Church, we have an obligation to teach and show by example our obligation to care for one another and Kuemper Catholic does that for our youth. It is a gift that keeps on giving and I am proud to do that by being an Eternal Knight."

Rev. Merlin Schrad
Kuemper Class of 1969

"We have been involved in the Kuemper Family for many years. Helen (Berg) graduated from Kuemper in 1957. Our children went to Kuemper and now we have four grandsons going there.



"Kuemper and the public schools have been in competition, not only in sports, but also in academics as well. But yet they work together too. That competition gives everyone involved in the schools the incentive to do their best. So keeping Kuemper going benefits all schools in Carroll County, IA.

"Our Grandparents and great Grandparents came from Europe years ago and brought their religion and values with them. Kuemper can help those values continue. That is what makes Carroll County such a nice place to live. When you see all the beautiful churches that our grandparents built in Carroll County, you realize what they wanted for their grandchildren."

Ron and Helen (Berg) Sundrup, Helen is Kuemper Class of 1957



Kuemper Catholic School Foundation Appreciation

The Kuemper Foundation Board of Directors sponsored their biennial Fall Appreciation Social. The evening included a report on the assets and activities of the Foundation.

Fr. Merlin Schrad, recently retired Kuemper Alumnus and past Kuemper President, opened the program with a prayer.



Dave Bruner, Kuemper Foundation Chairman, shared information on the financial status of the Foundation. He highlighted the milestone of the Foundation passing the \$8,500,000 mark. Included in this accomplishment was the Teacher Salary Enhancement Fund reaching the \$2,400,000 mark!

As of the June 30, 2021 financial report, the General Foundation unrestricted investments included \$2,280,188 (27%). Restricted investments included: Fr. Kuemper Society Student Tuition Assistance Fund - \$2,827,289 (33%); Teacher Salary Enhancement Fund - \$2,483,900 (29%); Post-Secondary/Other Scholarships - \$249,499 (3%); and Setzler Fine Arts/Strautman Academic Funds - \$702,380 (8%). In addition the Kuemper Foundation has some Real Estate - \$427,300 including the Holy Spirit Convent and two lots across from the high school (5%).



Kuemper President, John Steffes, shared information on the Kuemper Catholic School System. He included the financial status, enrollment information, economic impact on the Carroll community, etc.

The program concluded with special guest speaker, Mr. Matthew Renze from the Kuemper Class of 1996. Matthew was back in Carroll celebrating his 25th Reunion at Homecoming this weekend.



Kuemper Foundation Members include: (the first 3 members are members by position)

- Bishop Walker Nickless, Diocese of Sioux City
- John Steffes, Kuemper Catholic School System President
- Tom Brincks, Kuemper Catholic School System School Board President
- Dave Bruner, Chairman
- Curt Schweers, Vice Chairman
- Karen Klocke, Secretary/Treasurer
- Rev. Timothy Friedrichsen
- Jeff Greteman
- Kris Quandt
- Mary Schon
- Jon Tiefenthaler
- Sharon Olerich, Foundation Director



Members of the Matthew Renze Family attending the presentation were: (left to right) Cyril Renze (Grandfather); Tim & Jane Renze (Parents - Tim is Class of 1973); Katelyn Renze (Sister - Class of 2013); and Matthew Renze '96 (Presenter).

DECEMBER is Coming...

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YEAR-END GIVING

Plan a gift to Kuemper in 2021 and enjoy supporting the important mission of Catholic education. You can still enjoy tax advantages in 2021, also.

Take advantage of:

- ◆ Increased tax savings, saving more with non-cash gifts, grain, stocks/securities.
- ◆ Reviewing and updating your Will and leaving a bequest for Catholic education by becoming an Eternal Knight.