

Devoted family man, Jim Pudenz, died in 2019



Tomorrow, his legacy gift will continue to help Kuemper students afford a Catholic education through his planned scholarship fund.

Jim was devoted to his faith, family and community. Jim graduated from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and all eight of his children graduated Kuemper. Family was most important to Jim – supporting his children’s and grandchildren’s activities.

Jim and his late wife, Mary, are making a difference for many children by advancing the mission of Catholic education today and for tomorrow. By creating the **Jim & Mary Pudenz Scholarship**, their memory is kept alive each year as eighth grade students receive scholarships in their name to attend Kuemper. Include the Kuemper Foundation in your Will or estate plan as Jim did. Contact your attorney, financial advisor or the Kuemper Foundation to learn how.

My thanks to Kuemper... Thank you!

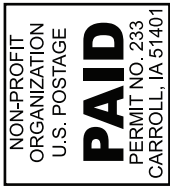


On behalf of my five siblings, nieces, nephews and my own three children who have all attended and graduated from Kuemper over the past 65 years, I extend a heartfelt and sincere thank you to all our school’s administrators, staff, teachers, priests, nuns, parishes and parishioners, who have sacrificed so much to make Catholic education a reality in the Carroll area. In fact, it has thrived and continues to thrive over these many years.

Only after graduation from Kuemper, did I fully realize and understand what we were being prepared for by our teachers, administrators, priests and nuns. The entire system confirmed our parents’ teachings: faith, loyalty, hard work, honesty, never-give-up attitude, treat everyone with dignity, see the best in others, do your best, and carry your core values with you in all aspects of your life, whether it be in your home, on the golf course, in the work place, church, social events, downtown, mall, or out in the larger outside community and world.

Kuemper is different and its atmosphere is noticeably different, because of the freedom we have to infuse faith in every aspect of school life including the classroom, administrative office, lunchroom, hallway, playground, performance stage and environments, athletic fields and courts. You can still feel and see the difference. We are all in this together. **Thank you Kuemper!**

Dave Bruner, Kuemper Class of 1977



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The Kuemper Foundation

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

Visit [www.kuemper.org](http://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.

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"The purpose of life is to discover your gift. The meaning of life is to give your gift away." - David Viscott

Kuemper Forms Partnership with Dominican Sisters

The Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia, Nashville, TN, have begun a collaborative partnership with the Kuemper Catholic School System, to continue to enhance the mission of the Catholic School at Kuemper.

Sister Elizabeth Anne will be working with the Kuemper staff on the nature and the mission of the Catholic schools as well as strengthening our Catholic Identity. Sister Elizabeth Anne will be our opening speaker and retreat leader to start our professional development for staff for the 2019-2020 school year.

Sister Mary Michael has already begun working with Kuemper as she began training our teachers on the *Virtues in Practice Program* this spring. Kuemper will



be implementing this program for the 2019-2020 school year. The program will help our students live out their faith in their everyday lives. There is also a family component to help our parents share and reinforce the virtues at home.

Sister Mary Michael is an Adjunct Professor of Catechetics at Aquinas College, Nashville, TN, and serves as a speaker and catechist formator in the College’s Center for Evangelization and Catechesis.

Sister Mary Michael took time to visit with the students. She has been a member of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia (Nashville) for 30 years. During that time she has been blessed to teach all ages from 5 to 85.



Want to make a difference for Catholic education?

Complete and return the enclosed envelope.

It's easy!



**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.

We thank everyone who has notified us of gifts they are making through their wills or other estate plans to continue Kuemper's mission, traditions and core values for the future. If you have included a gift for Kuemper in your plans but are not a member of this growing group of **Eternal Knights**, we invite you to let us know by calling Sharon Olerich at (712) 794-1877 or emailing [srolerich@kuemper.org](mailto:srolerich@kuemper.org)

God bless our newest **Eternal Knights** – Kurt & Becky Baumhover, Jim & Mary Greteman, Martin & Dee Halbur, Roger “Chico” & Bev Kanne, Kevin & Cindy Lawler, and an anonymous donor.

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

### Why I Became An Eternal Knight.....

*“Our donation is an expression of our desire to continue to “belong” to Kuemper, to reach out to the incoming students, so they, too, can enjoy the same wonderful education our children received in the 1970’s and 1980’s.*

*“We also remember being greeted “with joy” by some of our Franciscan Sisters who had been moved from Superior, WI (to Carroll) in 1962. They shared their rich spiritual and academic heritage with us and our children. The first priests who guided us were Msgr. Leo Lenz and Fr. Thomas Donahoe and many others after that.*



*“Now, a series of Kuemper graduates are continuing this heritage, both academically and spiritually, at all levels. I was always happy to get up in the morning and head off to early Mass and then to school across the street,”*

**Cletus and Valerie Windschitl**

*Teacher, Counselor, Administrator (37 years)*

*“Our family has benefited from the wonderful Kuemper tradition. We are both 1959 Kuemper graduates with five sons and ten grandchildren who are also graduates. We have been involved with various Kuemper activities throughout the years including the first Kuemper Ball in 1985, coaching cheerleaders for six years, and starting the first Kuemper Booster Club under Dan Balk. Attending numerous Kuemper events has kept us involved. **We love Kuemper and supporting their many projects is certainly a top priority in our lives.** We feel blessed we are able to continue supporting Kuemper by becoming **Eternal Knights.**”*

**Roger (Chico) & Bev (Pietig) Kanne**  
*Kuemper Class of 1959*



## St. Angela Academy...the Legacy Lives On



St. Angela Academy graduates were invited to join the all-school May Crowning Mass this spring. A special reception was hosted by the Kuemper St. Angela Center fifth graders who shared their wax museum presentations and visited with the ladies.

Trudy (Herbers) Esser attended her first Des Moines Area Reunion. Trudy graduated from St. Angela Academy in 1943. She brought her original St. Angela Academy pennant with her to the reunion. She took time to pose for a photo with Kuemper graduate and past-president, Vern Henkenius '61.



The predecessor to co-ed Kuemper Catholic High School – Fr. Kuemper's all girls' high school, the St. Angela Academy.

## The GOOD NEWS at Kuemper



**1150**  
students pray at Kuemper everyday

**95%**  
of high school students are involved in extracurricular activities

**63%**  
of high school students are involved in a fine arts program

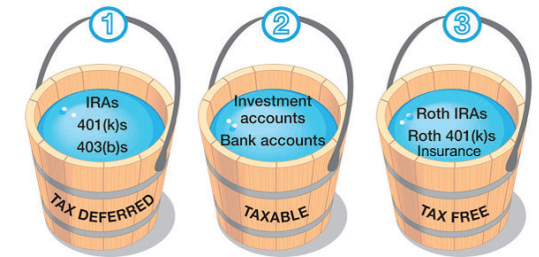
**\$395K**  
in scholarships were offered to 2019 grads by their post-secondary institution  
**\$48K**  
was offered in local scholarships

**97%**  
of 2019 grads earned dual college credit while at Kuemper

**96%**  
of Kuemper seniors reported that a faculty member personally cared about them  
**96%**  
of 2019 grads are attending college/trade schools

## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CHARITABLE IRA TAX BREAK

Are you 70 ½, or know someone who is? You must withdraw a portion of your IRA each year after 70 ½. You pay income tax on your IRA withdrawal. We have a solution for you.



The IRA Charitable provision is extremely popular. Individuals 70 ½ years old are allowed to take up to \$100,000 in qualified charitable distributions from their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) without including the distribution in their federal income each year.

Transfers to the **Kuemper Catholic School Foundation** will continue to be deemed as part of the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) calculation. Your gifts make a difference and your generosity will enable us to continue our important work of educating the mind, body and soul of our students.

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.

## Msgr. Lafferty 65% Tax Credits

Enjoy a generous 65% state tax credit back with a donation to the **Msgr. Lafferty Tuition Foundation**. Tax credits are limited.

First come-first serve (Iowa taxpayers only). Visit: [kuemper.org](http://kuemper.org) - **DONATE** (to make a contribution online), or return the enclosed envelope for more information.

