



DAVID VIGREN

Dave Vigren's association with Bishop Kearney High School was a matter of happenstance. Dave was the President and Chief Executive Officer of ESL Federal Credit Union and working at its headquarters located at 100 Kings Highway - directly across the street from Bishop Kearney. Dave needed to coordinate a "safe plan" to evacuate the 300-plus employees in the event of an emergency. Where would his people go if they had to leave their building? As he looked out his office window, the answer was obvious: Bishop Kearney. With that, Dave walked across the street and introduced himself to then BK President Brother Ray Vercruysse. That day's visit from Dave Vigren became Bishop Kearney's good fortune.

Dave joined the Board of Trustees in 2002 at the invitation of the school's next President, Mark Peterson. His seven years of service on the Board included chairing the Finance Committee and serving as Treasurer on the Executive Committee. Dave's business-savvy background and commitment to Bishop Kearney and Catholic education as a whole was instrumental in moving Kearney forward in an economically challenging climate.

An Indiana native, Dave graduated in 1963 with a Bachelor of Science degree from Indiana University. He began his career in Rochester at Eastman Kodak, eventually holding the position of Treasurer until leaving the company in 1993. From there he took the helm at ESL and retired in March of 2003. Dave was also a member of the Thrift Institutions Advisory Council (TIAC) of the Federal Reserve's Board. Currently he serves on the Boards of Nazareth College and the Wilmot Cancer Center. He has also served on board positions with the University of Rochester and Memorial Art Gallery.

Dave has said that Bishop Kearney is a tremendous asset in the community. Those who have worked with Dave would say the same of *him*. "Dave is the most altruistic person I know," says Donna Dedee (former BK President). "All of what he does is not for himself – it's about doing the right thing for the betterment of others. And he drove us (the Board) to do much better, all the way around."

Dave and his wife Carol have two grown children, Suzanne and Mark, and 6 grandchildren.