



SAM AND MARJORIE BONSIGNORE

It could be said that Sam and Marjorie Bonsignore spent almost as much time at Bishop Kearney as their five children did. It all began in 1969 when Debra, the oldest of five, started as a freshman. Paul, Anita, Maria and John all soon followed and Sam and Margie stepped forward to do all they could in support of Kearney.

Sam was the Chair of the Kearney Karnival for three years, with Margie right beside him. The Kearney Karnival broke all previous fundraising records for the school, netting over \$55,000 each year - an extraordinary accomplishment in 1976! The Karnival was so successful that Sam and Margie were solicited by arch rival Cardinal Mooney High School to create and run their Carnival!

Two of their children, Paul and Anita, were part of the internationally acclaimed Bishop Kearney Marching Kings. Sam and Margie were very involved in projects for the band, helping to fund six European trips and travelling with the band on three of them. These trips hold some of their most treasured memories; watching the Band perform for the Pope in Rome, for Princess Grace in Monaco and marching together with them in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin.

Margie volunteered her talent as a seamstress, sewing uniforms for the Twirlers and the Color Guard, as well as costumes for student musicals and the Parents' Club annual Showtime productions. Sam shared his lifelong passion for gymnastics and created a gymnastics program, donating all of the equipment and conducting classes. For over a decade they both participated in the Parents' Club Showtime.

Sam retired 25 years ago from Xerox and immediately embarked on a new career in Real Estate Sales. In addition to raising five children, Margie worked part time at both Xerox and Chase Lincoln Bank. She was also the Chair of The Compassionate Friends of Rochester for nine years.

Today the Bonsignores remain involved with Bishop Kearney and served as Honorary Chairs for last year's Homecoming Mass. In the winter they reside in Spring Hill, Florida where Sam is on the Board of Directors for Manor Pines Village and Margie is Co-Chair of the Manor Pines Social Club. Back in Rochester they support The School of the Holy Childhood and for 10 years have volunteered with The Breast Cancer Coalition of Rochester's annual Pink Ribbon Run and Walk. They also keep busy attending the various activities of their seven grandchildren.