

July 1, 2016

Dear Selection Committee,

It is my pleasure to recommend Joe Brick for a Sage Over 70 designation. I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Joe for more than 35 years in the capacity of either teacher, counselor, administrator and President.

Joe is one of the most humble and unassuming people I know and has passed those qualities on to his children. Due to his humble nature, many of the wonderful contributions he has made to the community go unnoticed.

Joe served on the Dowling/St. Joseph Foundation for many years. His work on the board helped guide DCHS through campaigns, expansions, and everyday operation. He was and still is a tireless advocate for students and families who face difficulties in their lives. Several years ago Joe committed funds that are used to support families in crisis to help them attend or remain at Dowling Catholic. He wanted to make sure this was anonymous and that it helped those most in need to keep their lives in tact so their children could focus on their education.

Most recently, Joe and his family initiated an award in the name of his wife Janet who passed away. Janet was a tireless worker behind the scenes on the Dowling Parents Guild for many years. She would do any task, quietly and unassumingly, and did it with energy and enthusiasm, having only the best interests of the students in mind. The Janet Brick Father De La Salle award is to recognize a faculty member who, like Janet and Joe, does their work quietly while showing deep love and concern for their students.

Joe is a caring, dedicated supporter of Dowling Catholic and other causes in the community. In his role as a parent, board member or friend, his advice and council is heartfelt and honest. His guidance and great judgement over the years helped move Dowling Catholic forward. He accomplished this while being under the radar and giving credit to others.

Personally, Joe has been an inspiration to me. He is a strong family man who gives and models love and respect while holding high standards. He is rock solid in his judgement, values and commitments. Joe is a wonderful example of the greatest generation to whom we owe a deep debt of gratitude. It is on his shoulders we stand today at Dowling Catholic and in the Des Moines community so we can be the best version of ourselves and be able achieve more than we dreamed.

Joe is an excellent example of a Sage over 70 who has helped form and shape the Des Moines community. When I think legacy, I think of Joe. Years ago Joe committed to raising his family and building his business in the Des Moines area. The entire community has benefitted greatly from that decision.

Sincerely,


Dr. Jerry Deegan
President

Dowling Catholic High School