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THE FRIENDS OF FATHER JUDGE HIGH SCHOOL, INC. RECEIVES A \$1.5 MILLION GIFT

This gift coincides with the national celebration of Catholic Schools Week and Father Judge High School's Saint Francis de Sales Mass.

[The Friends of Father Judge High School, Inc.](#) (The Friends) recently received a \$1.5 million gift to establish *The John M. Briggs '68 Endowed Scholarship Fund*.

Mr. John M. Briggs was a proud graduate of Father Judge High School for Boys (FJHS) class of 1968. Mr. Briggs was a lifelong and generous supporter of the FJHS. He believed greatly in the opportunities it provided young men to earn a Catholic Education; strong academics and lifelong friendships. He grew up in the Mayfair section of Northeast Philadelphia and attended Saint Matthew Parish Elementary School.

The John M. Briggs '68 Endowed Scholarship Fund is being established to assist young men, who like Mr. Briggs, attended Saint Matthew Parish Elementary School and who hope to attend Father Judge High School for Boys. *The John M. Briggs '68 Endowed Scholarship Fund* will provide 10 scholarships annually.

When asked about the impact of this gift, FJHS icon, and founder of the *Crusader Annual Appeal*, Mr. Charles Huckel '66 said, "John made it known how important his Father Judge and Saint Matthew's Catholic education were to him. He wanted to do something special as a way of giving back. This gift will certainly benefit many families due to his generosity."

Mr. Brian Patrick King '97, President of Father Judge High School said, "This gift is special to me because Mr. Briggs and I are both proud graduates of Saint Matthew Parish Elementary School and Father Judge High School and we both grew up in the same neighborhood decades apart. Each year as we approach graduation, I often speak to the seniors about understanding our 70 years of tradition and success and the importance of honoring and respecting those who came before us. Mr. Briggs is one of those men whose shoulders we stand upon today as we announce this gift." King continued, "He is another example of a Salesian Gentleman who went on to great success and never forgot where he came from. This gift will ensure countless young men from Saint Matthew Parish Elementary School will have the opportunity to earn a Judge education, leaving a lasting legacy that I am sure Mr. Briggs would be proud of!"

Established in May 2002, The Friends is a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation with Officers and Directors who fundraise on behalf of Father Judge High School. All funds raised by this organization are managed and securely designated for use at the school. Since its formation, The Friends have raised and invested over \$17 million to make improvements to the school campus, provide financial aid, and fund academic programs that complement the traditional curriculum.

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Editor's Note:

Father Judge High School was founded in 1954. The all-boys school is dedicated to educating its students' minds and souls in the spirit of Saint Francis de Sales. For more information visit www.fatherjudge.com/.