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**THE FRIENDS OF FATHER JUDGE HIGH SCHOOL, INC.
RECEIVES A \$1 MILLION GIFT**

This gift coincides with the 70th anniversary of Father Judge High School.

[The Friends of Father Judge High School, Inc.](#) (The Friends) recently received a \$1 million dollar commitment from Mr. Michael D. Sicilia '89, a member of their board.

This is the second \$1 million from Mr. Sicilia for this campaign and it brings his total campaign commitment to \$2 million. In 2020, he donated \$1,000,000 to seed and support the initial build out and 2023 launch of the school's ongoing capital campaign, "[The Campaign for 3301](#), Securing the Future of Father Judge."

Sicilia, who grew up in Mayfair and attended grade school at Our Lady of Consolation is a proud alum from the class of 1989. Today, he serves as the Executive Vice President of Oracle's vertical industry businesses.

To date, including this generous commitment, \$15.7 million has been secured toward the campaign goal of \$20 million. In recent years, the school has made an aggressive push to invest in strategic initiatives to benefit a diverse population of students. The result has been an outpouring of support from alumni, national corporations, and foundations along with state level government funding.

The Campaign for 3301, has four strategic initiatives:

- (1) the construction of the 20,000 square foot, state-of-the-art Career Pathways Academy building;
- (2) the renovation of the Science Labs (Chemistry, Biology, and Physics);
- (3) athletic renovations to Locker Rooms and Training Areas in the Fox Gym and Mitchell Activity Center; and
- (4) an aggressive investment in the Reverend Joseph G. Campellone, OSFS Endowment.

All of these priority measures seek to ensure the long-term viability of Father Judge High School as a center of innovative excellence in Catholic education far into the future.

When asked about his significant support of The Campaign for 3301 Mike said, "Supporting Father Judge High School is truly an honor and a privilege. The valuable lessons I learned within its community have left me forever grateful. I take pride in being affiliated with an institution that is dedicated to preparing its students to make a positive impact on the world."

Brian Patrick King '97, President of Father Judge High School said, "Since the first time I met Mike, he has challenged me to think outside the box and reinvent every aspect of how education is delivered on

Solly Avenue. His industry insight, and advanced train of thought has propelled us to reshape how, through the use of technology, combined with project-based learning, we can turn classrooms, labs, and the shop floor of the Career Pathways Academy into spaces that allow students to experience a first-class education using their hands, hearts, and minds.” King continued, “Mike is an example to every kid in the Father Judge Community that you can be anything you want in life, if you are willing to put in hard work, remain disciplined, and follow the Salesian values we preach here each day. Having the financial support of this magnitude from someone of his caliber means a great deal to me and we are grateful for his ongoing support of time, treasure, and talent.”

Further echoing King’s comments, Reverend Joseph Campellone, OSFS, President Emeritus of Father Judge High School stated, “Mike sees much of his success related to his time at Judge. He was a member of the crew team and the National Honor Society. Mike stated when he spoke at the opening event for this campaign, that Judge taught him the character, morals, and a work hard attitude which enabled him to achieve success. On top of that, education was a core value in the Sicilia family. Mrs. Sicilia, Mike’s mother, was a long-term elementary school teacher at Saint Dominic’s. Mike’s generous contribution of \$2 million for our campaign reflects his belief and trust in the mission of Father Judge.”

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/.