



## Alums "Making a Difference"

Charles Wittenberg

Mercy

Class of 1953

I enrolled at Mercy High in 1949, the second year it opened). I have had a wonderful life, but my four years at Mercy stand out as a catalyst for life. The rock solid education and principles I received have guided me my whole life. Those years at Mercy were just plain fun. I studied, played basketball and golf and made friends.

I then attended Notre Dame University where I made the basketball team as a "walk on". I was the only non-scholarship player and earned a letter in 1957. Upon graduation I went work for a large insurance company for eight years. In 1965, I went into business for my self with a large downtown insurance agency. In 1975 I founded CJ Thomas Company, which is now the third largest local independent agency in St. Louis.

My son Bill (Mercy 78) has taken my place and I now work for him.

I have been married 52 years to Loretta {Giblin} We have three kids Bill, Mercy 78, Jolm, 80, and Cay (A freshman in 85 when it closed) She graduated Rosati Kain 1988.

Among the many things I am proud of is that I was a past President of the Missouri Athletic Club, past President of my professional Society St. Louis Chapter CPCU and past President St. Patrick Center and I am still on board of trustees of that organization.

In 1985 I served as President of the Mercy High School Board. Note: That year I lead a band of very dedicated hard working people who desperately tried to save Mercy. We had a big Fund-raisers at the Fox Theater featuring Lou Rahls and Ray Charles. It was grand and glorious, but not enough to save Mercy. I was very disappointed at the time, because truly Mercy was a treasure and had done so much for my family and me.

I have learned that Trinity has captured much of the same spirit and dedication that made Mercy great,

These are the names in the Wittenberg family who benefited from their stay in Catholic Education at Mercy High School:

Charles H. Wittenberg 1953 University of Notre Dame 1957

John Wittenberg 1960 St. Louis University 1964

Lenore Renaud 1966, Quincy University 1970 Valedictorian

William Wittenberg 1978 Marquette University 1982

John Wittenberg 1980 Loyola University 1984

Catherine Dubbels 1985 Rosati Kain 1988 Our Lady of the Lake 1992

