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Saint Peter's College: A Solid Jesuit Education

In reflecting on his educational experience, Lou Cappadona '61 looks back with gratitude to three institutions: Saint Peter's College, Saint Peter's Prep, and St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio, Texas.

A Jersey City native who was a member of St. Paul's Parish, Lou attended Saint Peter's Prep. "The Prep molded me when I really needed it," Lou says. "Without it, the rest would not have happened." While in high school, Lou received his introduction to the Jesuits and their traditions of academic excellence and service to others. This led him to choose Saint Peter's College as he pursued higher education.

"Saint Peter's College gave me a solid Jesuit education that helped me earn scholarships to three law schools," Lou says. "The College finished a formation process that began at the Prep." While at Saint Peter's College, Lou was a member of Scabbard and Blade and active in ROTC. ROTC "was a significant part of my education and led to active duty in

the U.S. Army, culminating in the rank of captain in the JAG Corps," he says.

The facilities at Saint Peter's College made a big impression on Lou after his experiences at the Prep. At the time, having a cafeteria with places to sit down was something quite remarkable. "I could not get over that the College had a real cafeteria serving hot and cold food," Lou says. "More importantly, it was the place I met with my fellow students and talked about our classes, our goals at SPC, and our hopes and plans for the future and, for many, the girls we would marry."

Lou has fond memories of the many Jesuits and lay professors who influenced him, including Rev. Jerome Gruszczyk, S.J., who was a "brilliant" biology professor. Maj. Jasper Johnson, a member of the ROTC staff, was truly an officer and a gentleman, Lou says. Angelo Danesino, Ph.D., who embraced the Jesuit tradition of *cura personalis*, took a personal interest in Lou and encouraged him to attend law school. After earning a

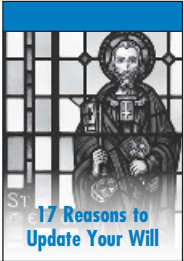
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bachelor's degree in economics from the College, Lou attended St. Mary's, which offered him a full scholarship. He received his J.D. in 1965.

Lou's law career, which brought him to California, has thrived and focused on traditional labor law and employment law. Additionally, he provides employment law services to several nonprofit agencies, including Para Los Niños, the Grossman Burn Foundation and Mary Health of the Sick nursing home. In his recreational time, he enjoys exercising, both at a local health club and hiking in the Santa Monica Mountains. He is an avid photographer and enjoys the many opportunities for pursuing this interest during visits with his grandchildren.

Lou and his wife, Patsy, have three children and three grandchildren, and reside in Westlake Village, Calif. Despite being more than 3,000 miles from the College, he has helped organize alumni activities in their area over the years. In fact, one of his

favorite memories of Saint Peter's College occurred about 25 years after his graduation at a reunion held at Loyola Marymount University (LMU). The late Rev. James N. Loughran, S.J., attended, as did many of Lou's friends. Lou clearly recalls the Mass in the LMU chapel, where beautiful stained glass windows representing each of the Jesuit colleges and universities in the United States reminded him of the Jesuit connection among all of them. While meeting graduates from all different years, he realized how much the College had done for all of them and how well prepared they were for life after Saint Peter's.

Today Lou continues to practice law, albeit on a reduced schedule. In appreciation for all that he received from the three schools from which he graduated, he has named each of them in his family trust. He has made an unrestricted bequest to the College, noting, "A Jesuit education is even more necessary today than it was when I was going to school. Any gift to support an education in the Jesuit tradition is a well-given gift."

Class of 1961 Plans for Special 50th Reunion Gift



Members of the Class of 1961 were special guests at the Peacock Nation Reception on February 13. This was one of the events leading up to their 50th reunion.

Plans are underway for the Class of 1961's 50th reunion. In addition to the events scheduled for Alumni Weekend (September 23–25, 2011), the reunion committee has decided to dedicate a room in the new student center in honor of those classmates who lost their lives serving their country, including Barry F. Graham, James F. Sosnowski and Robert Marositz. Members of the Class of 1961 interested in making a gift and/or pledge to the class gift to support the student center and The Saint Peter Fund should contact Claudia Pope-Bayne at (201) 761-6111 or cpopebayne@spc.edu.

Thank You for Your Support

It has been an exciting year for Saint Peter's College. Our recent partnership with St. Aedan's Church, four MAAC Championships and the public launch of Students at the Center: The Campaign for Saint Peter's College are all wonderful reasons to celebrate.

As we approach the end of this fiscal year, we have been blessed with an additional \$1.3 million toward our endowment, more than \$350,000 in annual scholarships and nearly \$300,000 in realized bequests.

Our gratitude goes out to all alumni, parents and friends who:

- Made a gift to the College;
- Served on a board or committee;
- Returned to campus for an event or to give a class lecture;
- Attended games, matches or meets and cheered for the Peacocks/Peahens;
- Encouraged a prospective student to attend the College;
- Recruited at a career fair or hired a graduating senior; and/or
- Mentored or assisted a student with an internship.

Thank you for all you do for Saint Peter's! Your gifts of time, talent, experience and financial support provide the current generation of students with a richer college experience. For that we are grateful.



To learn how you can make a difference, please contact Ana Cravo at (201) 761-6104 or acravo@spc.edu.



Investing in Our Future: Ellen J. Smith '73

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Ellen J. Smith '73, (pictured second row, last person on right), who taught Spanish for more than 30 years at Lincoln High School in Jersey City, named Saint Peter's College as well as the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Special Olympics as contingent beneficiaries in her will. Because of Ellen's generosity and thoughtfulness, the College recently received more than \$230,000 for student scholarships.



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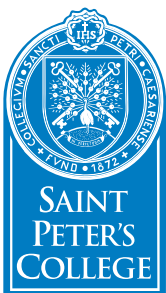
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2 Go to www.spc.edu/giftplanning to explore all the options—and their possible financial benefits—for supporting Saint Peter's College in your estate plans or contact us for more information.

3 Set up a meeting with your estate planning attorney to create or update your estate plans—the most accurate way to map out your intentions for the future of your loved ones and belongings.



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Campaign Website Launches

The new *Students at the Center: The Campaign for Saint Peter's College* website allows alumni, donors, friends, students, and the College and local communities to become fully engaged in the largest campaign in Saint Peter's 139-year history.

With priorities to build a student center and raise funds for The Saint Peter Fund, academics, Jesuit mission and ministry, the endowment and athletics, this dynamic site will provide visitors with details about *Students at the Center*.