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2010

Aquinas Institute Hall of Fame Rev. John Whitley '44 - Meritorious Service

John Raymond Whitley was born to W. Raymond Whitley and Margaret Loughney Whitley in Rochester, NY on June 28, 1927. Father Jack has three sisters: Jeanne Dailey of Stamford, CT, Mary Anne Connors of East Rochester and Sister Nancy Whitley, a Sister of Mercy in Rochester.

In 1944, John (Jack) Whitley graduated from Aquinas Institute and entered the Rochester Novitiate of the Basilian Fathers, where he professed his first vows on August 15, 1945.

He received a BA from the University of Western Ontario, a library science degree from the University of Toronto, and a Master of Education from the University of Rochester. A member of *Phi Delta Kappa*, he also served as president of the high school section of the Catholic Library Association. As a member of the National Catholic Education Association, he was named the NCEA facilitator with the National Education Association.

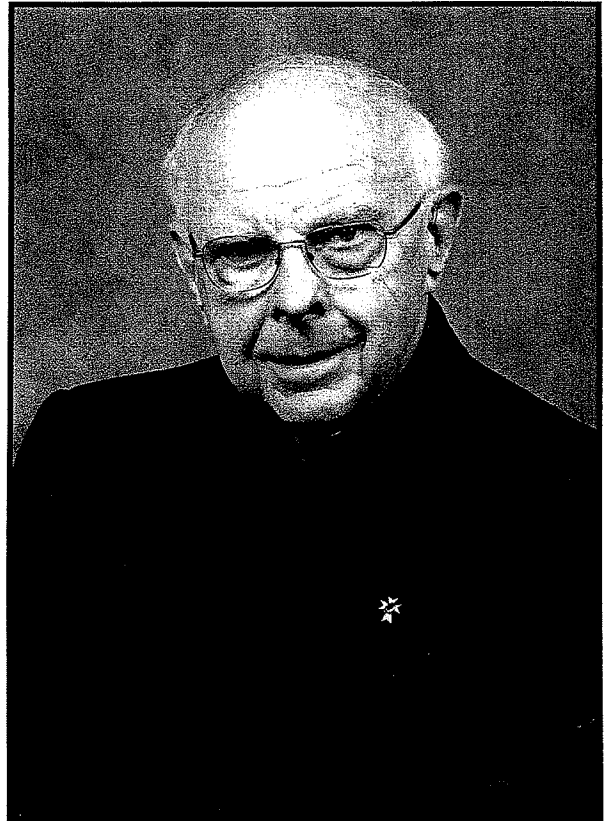
In 1951, he taught Latin and Science at St. Thomas in Houston, where he began his studies of Theology. He taught at St. Michael's College School in Toronto before being ordained June 29th, 1954 at St. Basil's Church in Toronto. His first solemn Mass was celebrated at Blessed Sacrament in Rochester.

In 1955, Father Jack was sent to Aquinas Institute, to serve as Librarian, teacher of English and Theology, coordinator of assemblies, director of graduation, moderator of the school band and color guard instructor. Under his direction the color guard won five New York state championships and three national rankings. Long active in band and marching competition, he was a member of the All American Judges Association.

Fr. Whitley spent 17 years at Aquinas and then moved to Catholic Central in Detroit. In 1978, he entered the Doctoral program in educational administration at Wayne State University in Detroit and was awarded an LL.D. degree from the University of Assumption. He then became principal of Andrean High School in Merryville, Indiana until 1998 when he went to Rome to study Spirituality at the Angelicum.

In the fall of 1989, Father Jack was appointed to St. Joseph Center in Sugar Land, Texas where he served as Director of the Basilian Fathers' Mission Center until 2006. In 2006, he became an associate in the University of St. Thomas Archives. A member of the Knights of Columbus, he served as Associate State Chaplain to Most Rev. James Tomayo, Bishop of Laredo. He is chaplain to the University of St. Thomas Father Vincent J. Guigan Council 13940, chaplain to the St. Thomas Aquinas Council 7382, chaplain to the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and the Houston Chapter and chaplain to the Catholic Daughters. He is assistant Friar to the Fourth Degree Knights, first district (Texas and Oklahoma). He is a Cardinal Medeiros Fellow and Chaplain of the Houston Chapter of the Knights of Columbus.

Father Jack is remembered fondly from his days at Aquinas. He has been dedicated to his vocation and those he has served in so many ways. Often working diligently in the background, he is a true model of the Basilian credo of "Teach me goodness, discipline and knowledge." It is, therefore, with great respect that we induct Father Jack Whitley into the Aquinas Hall of Fame this 2nd day of May, 2010.



AQUINAS HALL OF FAME

THE AQUINAS SPORTS BOOSTER CLUB AND THE AQUINAS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION INAUGURATED A HALL OF FAME AT THE SCHOOL TO RECOGNIZE FORMALLY THOSE PERSONS WHO HAVE MADE SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SPIRIT AND TRADITION OF AQUINAS INSTITUTE.

THIS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD IS GIVEN EACH YEAR AT THE HALL OF FAME DINNER. ANY AQUINAS ALUMNUS, FACULTY MEMBER OR COACH, ANY FRIEND OF THE SCHOOL WHO OVER THE YEARS HAS REPRESENTED WHAT AQUINAS STANDS FOR IS ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE HALL OF FAME.

A PLAQUE WILL BE INDIVIDUALLY STRUCK FOR EACH INDUCTEE AND PLACED IN THE HALL OF FAME DISPLAY CASE IN THE FOYER OF THE WEGMAN-NAPIER CENTER.

1987

MAJOR DONALD W. HOLLEDER '52
REV. CYRIL F. CARTER, C.S.B.
JUDGE JOHN A. MASTRELLA '30
JUDGE CHARLES MALOY '49

1988

DICK BUERKLE '65
JERRY FLYNN '36
FRANK VADAS
HARRY WRIGHT

1989

COACH JOHN SULLIVAN
MAX O. RUSSEY '32
PETE PAVIA '56
DR. GREGORY RILEY '59

1990

ANTHONY "CHUBBY" CIRAVOLA
MORT LEARY
DR. S. PATRICK PEARTREE '38
JOHN A. TOSCANO '61

1991

FR. MICHAEL B. BIONDI '42
MR. JOSEPH REPKO
DR. WILLIAM M. STEPHAN '54
MR. WILLIAM G. ABEL '63

1992

DANIEL MEAGHER '33
ROBERT "MOOSE" LANDRY '41
JOHN FARRINELLO '56
JAMES CHATTERTON '62

1993

CORNELIUS (NEIL) GREEN '38
ANDREW MELONI '49
JAMES F. CATONE '65
STEPHEN P. CENTRON '70

1994

JOSEPH J. CONNELLY '32
FR. JOHN C. SPRATT, C.S.B.
WILLIAM P. REYNOLDS '43
KATHLEEN L. LYND

1995

RICHARD J. PILLITER '63
JOHN F. NUCCITELLI '55
ROBERT D. FOLEY '43
EDWARD L. ALEO '62

1996

LOUIS O. BASILE
ROBERT E. BELL '57
JOSEPH B. FARRELL '34
GERALD F. MCGUIRE '53

1997

WILLIAM MCCARTHY '46
DOMINIC ARIOLI '73
RONALD MACK '53
ROBERT SCHWAB '63

1998

CHARLES J. BONSIGNORE '37
DAVID J. SWIFT '46
JOHN W. LANDRY '47
LOUIS W. SPIOTTI '64

1999

THOMAS C. FALK '48
JIM BURNS '51
RICHARD RUSSO '70
ROBERT DUFFY '72

2000

ROBERT ROSMARINO
HUGH MARKS '32
JOSEPH CULHANE '44
WILLIAM FACKELMAN '51

2001

NICHOLAS TETA
WILLIAM GRIEF '47
FRANK GUELLI '52
GARY PAGE '62

2002

DONALD J. BELL '50
GREGORY J. BRITZ '54
MICHAEL L. CAHILL '68
J. ROBERT BLEIER '82

2003

ARTHUR C. NOWACK '48
FRANK B. IACOVANGELO '58
MICHAEL PIEHLER '64
SAM GUERRIERI, JR. '83

2004

THOMAS (RED) NAYLON '49
MICHAEL TOMAINO '55
EDMUND CALVARUSO '62
ROBERT D'ETTORE '72

2005

LAWRENCE PALVINO '57
HON. FRANCIS A. AFFRONTI '59
DR. ANTHONY RICCI '76
MR. ANTHONY BIANCHI '81

2006

CHARLES A. SCHIANO, SR. '52
LAWRENCE J. OBERLIES '53
HENRY N. ANGELONE '55
V. RAYMOND QUERCIA

2007

DR. J. RONALD CORTESE '52
MIKE ROCHE '55
REV. J. MICHAEL WESLEY C.S.B. '57
BERNIE IACOVANGELO '65

2008

LARRY ALLEN '47
RICHARD CERONE
MARK N. CHAPMAN '88
MICHAEL L. DIANETTI

2009

J. RAYMOND DIEHL II DBA
KORY D. SCHRAMM '99
DR. AMY REYNDERS '92
DR. ROBERT J. HANSS '52

2010

MICHAEL COMPISI '89
DAVID DAMELIO '85
REV. JOHN WHITLEY, CSB '44
THE BELL FAMILY