

Press Release

Pius XI Catholic High School

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CEO OF BROOKFIELD ACCOUNTING FIRM GIVES \$50,000 TO HIGH SCHOOL ALMA MATER

Fred Sitzberger, Founder and CEO of Sitzberger & Company accounting firm based in Brookfield, recently made a \$50,000 donation to his alma mater Pius XI Catholic High School. This gift comes during Pius XI's 90th year of service to Catholic education, and will be used to help pay down the school's building debt.

Sitzberger, one of six from his family to attend Pius XI, felt compelled to give back to a place that had such a profound impact on his success. *"Pius XI taught me how to learn. And it was through a group of caring teachers who used a kind discipline to get the best out of us students,"* he said.

Born and raised on the southwest side of Milwaukee, Sitzberger has learned the importance of living a values-driven life. As he grew older, he became more involved in community outreach, seeing people he looked up to who were always givers. He thought to himself, *"I want to be that way. I want to be a good man. I want to be that guy who does the right thing because it IS the right thing."*

"This gift was such a God-send," said President Jack Herbert. *"Debt is a significant concern and a challenge for any business. It is so rare for a donor to recognize this. His generosity and his belief in the importance of values-based education is inspiring."*

When asked what compelled him to make this particular gift to Pius XI, Sitzberger referenced the Prayer of St. Francis, saying *"it is in the giving that we receive. It's in the loving that we are loved. It's in the forgiving that we are forgiven."*

Pius XI Catholic High School offers a values-based education of extraordinary breadth and quality that is grounded in the traditions of those founding orders. Today, Pius XI is Milwaukee's and Southeastern Wisconsin's most diverse co-educational Catholic high school, serving a student body of 800 students with 100 staff members. The college preparatory programming provides students with Advanced Placement courses; a nationally-recognized, four-year Fine Arts program with a full range of Performing and Visual Arts; a four-year Project Lead The Way Engineering program; and a Special Studies program with certified teachers for students with learning disabilities. Pius XI offers 22 athletic programs and more than 20 co-curricular activities. In 2019, the 82nd graduating class earned more than \$13 million in scholarship offers. For more information visit <http://www.piusxi.org>.

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