

## ***In Memoriam – Forever in Our Thoughts***

**2018**



### **Bro. George Zehnle, S.M., NCFL President (1986-1988)**

Longtime Chaminade High School English Department chairman, teacher, and Speech and Debate team coach Bro. George Zehnle, S.M. passed away peacefully Sunday, April 22, 2018. He was 74. Bro. George had been suffering from a long battle against Parkinson's disease.

To offer a reflection on his life is no easy task. Generations of Chaminade men would agree that Bro. George was a master of the written and spoken word. "There was no pretense in him, his writing, or his speech. What you saw in Bro. George was what you got," said Bro. Stephen Balletta, director of the Chaminade Marianist Community, who learned from Bro. George as a student and became an English teacher himself. "He was an informed and witty contributor to any conversation and an extremely articulate and well-spoken man."

"He had a good sense of humor and could debate well – not just coach it," Bro. Richard Hartz remembered. "He was a fine religious who was open with sharing his thoughts and opinions and was most professional in his work."

"But what I find most memorable about Bro. George, and perhaps lesser known, was his steadiness," Bro. Stephen thought. "All the years he taught, he handled so many things and finished them in a timely fashion – and he challenged people to think, which made him ideally suited for Speech and Debate." Practically his entire time at Chaminade, Bro. George coached the team that repeatedly sent its speakers and debaters to local, state, and national tournaments. He is known nationally for the success of his students. Bro. George devoted countless Saturdays to tournaments, countless hours to preparing competitors for their rounds. "He was completely dedicated to it," Bro. Stephen said.

Bro. John McGrory spent many years coaching alongside Bro. George. "As a brother, he inspired me that prayer is where you derive your strength for whatever else you do," Bro. John said. "As a Speech and Debate leader, he taught me fairness. Someone may have disagreed with his decisions, but he never showed favoritism or spite. He was meticulously fair. As a coach, he taught me perspective. He gave his work 100%, he gave you 100%, and he gave prayer 100%. His deep commitment to prayer made him the effective teacher and mentor that he was."



**Bill Gibrón, Diocesan League Director in Tampa-St. Petersburg**

Bill passed away on Friday, 11 May 2018

Memorial Mass will be held on Wednesday, 6 June 2018, at 7 PM  
Academy of the Holy Names, Tampa

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to:

Forensics Award at the Academy of the Holy Names  
3319 Bayshore Blvd, Tampa, FL 33629

St Francis Society Animal Rescue



**Christine McKenna, Diocesan League Director in Camden**

Christine passed away on March 28, 2018.

Donations can be made to St. John of God, 1145 Delsea Drive, Westville, NJ 08093. Please memo:  
Christine K. McKenna.

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Daniel S. Masterson, Jr.  
Eleanor E. Wright  
Judy Seward

Mike Greiner  
Lynne Damaty  
John Haracopos

And Those Who Have Been Lost Throughout the Forensic Community  
This Year and Years Past

*“Perhaps they are not stars, but rather openings in heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy.”*  
– Inuit Proverb