



Greetings from Milwaukee !!

I am proud to welcome you to our humble little tournament. Many people have worked to bring you the best NCFL tournament you have ever seen.

I am also proud to be involved for over 30 years with an organization that encourages young people to think and speak for themselves. You students are our country's brightest commodity and will produce the next generation of American leaders.

Long ago I competed as you will do this weekend. Debate and forensics provided some of my best memories. In fact, my wife never tires of telling the story of our engagement. Thirty-five years ago, I took her to my Alma Mater, Princeton High School, in Sharonville, Ohio. What did I do when we arrived? Did we go to meet my parents? Of course not. First, I took her to meet Phyllis Barton, my debate coach. Then I made her work the tournament -- fixing faulty policy pairings for most of the night. And finally, I took her to meet Brad and Virginia Sexton. Luckily for her, all three approved and we've debated ever since.

So as you compete this weekend, look around the room. Your future partner could be close at hand.

Try to find time to visit some of Milwaukee's prized attractions. We offer a world class, 200-acre zoo, museums and a planetarium and brewery tours. Take a walk on the River Walk, stroll along Lake Michigan or through the historic Third Ward, or enjoy a free trolley ride. Take in a Brewer game. And you can't leave Milwaukee without sampling some of our famous foods: custard, cheese or a fish fry. Coaches might even have time for a local brew.

Whatever you do -- Be proud of your accomplishments. Snap lots of photos. Give your best performances. Take home good memories. Enjoy Milwaukee.

Good Luck,

Steve Sexton

Moderator Archdiocese of Milwaukee