



## **Mark Crowley announces retirement from Lake Catholic at the end of 2022-2023 school year**

Lake Catholic Community:

In the spring of 1978, I was a college student attending my then girlfriend, now wife's graduation ceremony at Lake Catholic. I have always considered that evening as my first official participation in the Lake Catholic community. Since then, I have been an 'alumni husband,' involved parent, alumni parent and now President – and have loved every minute of it.

Announcing my retirement at the end of this school year is a decision I do not take lightly. I do believe the timing of my retirement is perfect for the forward momentum Lake Catholic is experiencing. In the next few years, we will be experiencing a tremendous amount of growth across all aspects of the school – enrollment, finances, facilities, engagement and so much more.

The time is right for a steward who will guide this growth for many years into the future. The most prudent approach to ensuring continued success for Lake Catholic is to secure a business partner for Principal Tom McKrill early in his tenure.

I leave with so many positive memories, relationships and 'stories' to tell! Within a few days of starting, Chuck 'Carlos' Grebenc was arranging a meeting at the Casa with alumni to voice their support, share their perspective and to encourage me to renew our engagement with alumni across the decades.

The opportunity to witness the faculty and staff listening, guiding, and encouraging our students to create an extraordinary future for themselves is something that will remain with me. Through all the ups and downs – the LC employees stayed true to our mission and theirs – transform the students into young women and men ready to take on the world!

Having a backstage pass to every athletic event, every fine and performing arts showcase and many spiritual and student life activities will stay with me for a long time. It is truly impressive to see the Lake Catholic community in action.

And the students – who take the challenge of improving themselves academically, physically, socially and emotionally – are what make the time and sacrifice all worth it.

Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

With much appreciation, gratitude and respect.

Mark Crowley  
President  
Lake Catholic High School