

St. Agnes School

Campo Family - Alumni



In the picture, left to right: Peggy (Class of 68), Bill (Class of 81), Jerry (Class of 72), Betsy (Class of 74), and Steve (Class of 70).

The following information was provided to St. Agnes by Betsy (Campo) Moore Class of 1974. Betsy lives and works in Chantilly, Virginia where she is employed by Quest Diagnostics as a Microbiologist.

What is the "value" you would assign to your time at St. Agnes? What would you like to share with other students and their families about the importance of your St. Agnes experience?

“Respect” is one of many values I would assign to my time as a student at St. Agnes. We were taught respect. We were taught with respect. We learned to respect each other, each other’s opinions, differences in the world, and the importance of our faith. When respect is taught and expected, it becomes a natural part of your actions, and that has lasted throughout my whole life. We learned to be accountable for our actions....which was in harmony with what was taught in our home.

What advice would you give to families who are discerning if St. Agnes is the place for them?

Looking back at my education at St. Agnes, it truly was the perfect fit for me. I was an average student, and I was a quiet student. In the smaller environment of St. Agnes, I could blossom in a way that I really don’t think I would have in a larger public school. I was given the extra help I needed academically. I participated in class and school plays and cheerleading. I most likely would not have done any of that in a larger environment. It was a nurturing setting that ensured I did not fall through the cracks.

For 22 consecutive years, there was at least one Campo in St. Agnes School. A family doesn’t do that without truly believing in the benefits of a Catholic Education. I don’t believe there was ever a question of us not attending St. Agnes. I am sure there were sacrifices made to send us all to a parochial school, but they were never discussed. In looking back, it was an unspoken commitment our parents made to give us the best.

During this 22 year span one or more of us were walking home for lunch. Looking back, not sure how we got home, ate lunch, washed up, and got back to school on time. It never seemed to be a chore...for us. Mom, on the other hand, had lunch on the table for us each day when we walked in the door; we wore aprons while we ate, so not to spill on our uniforms. Funny, I never heard her once complain. I don’t think it was until my own children were in elementary school when I finally learned to appreciate all that she and my Dad did for us.



Over the past year, I have reconnected with old school friends on FaceBook. We have been passing around our class' First Communion Picture trying to identify everyone in it. In the process, we have learned of the passing of parents, marriages of our children, and many of us celebrating our 50th birthdays this year. It has been easy to see the common bonds that we still have, that started at St. Agnes.

Footnote:

Betsy's father Gerald Campo was the principal at Avon Central School. Prior to working at ACS, Mr. Campo was the principal at Jefferson High School. Mrs. Rose our current 2nd grade teacher shares a special memory she has of Mr. Campo.

Gerry Campo drove 6 of us girls back and forth to St. Agnes High School from 1961-1965! He picked us up at Zion Church at 7:15 and we were off. We were picked up at school at 3:45 for the return trip home! Imagine 4 years of giggly high school girls! He taught at Jefferson High School and was also going to Niagara Univ. for grad work! Then he became principal at Avon Central. He was a good guy!

