

## – LEGENDS OF PREP –

### Raymond D. Aumack, '55

In the Spring 1988 issue of *Prep Magazine*, the cover story focused on "The Prep Network"—how alumni of various generations were making professional contacts with increased frequency. Prominently featured was Ray Aumack, who was personally responsible for expediting a number of professional relationships among his fellow alumni. The article ended with this quote by Ray: "The world is smaller, and richer, because we are part of a great fraternity—Prep alumni."

If you have ever come in contact with Ray, you can almost hear his voice as you read his quote, since very few alumni have been as closely identified with the spirit of what it means to be a Prep alumnus.

Actually, Ray was "networking" with fellow alumni decades before the term entered the vernacular. Coupling his passion for Prep's Ignatian values with his own spirituality, he has been one of the school's premier ambassadors, and if something has been important to Prep, it has been equally important to Ray. This manifested itself prominently in 1991, when the school decided to create its first formal Alumni Board and Ray topped every list of potential members. It had nothing to do with the alphabet, it had everything to do with his track record, including the pivotal role he played a decade earlier when Prep was first codifying its alumni and fundraising programs. In terms of staying connected, the Class of '55 was something special...and Ray was its centerpiece.

Ray holds a position of prominence in numerous personal phone lists, as he is called upon often when an alumnus is in need of support or counseling. His insights and avuncular manner combine his Jesuit training with his undergraduate studies in philosophy at Seton Hall and his master's in divinity from Immaculate Conception Seminary. In addition, Ray has a master's in New Testament studies from Drew University and has taken numerous courses at institutions ranging from Notre Dame and NYU to the U. of Chicago and Catholic U. He also holds a post-graduate diploma in psychotherapy from the Alfred Adler Institute.

Professionally, Ray's career has included management positions in the healthcare field, especially in the area of corporate health awareness and services, and for many years he headed his own human resources firm. Also, on the collegiate level he has taught courses and lectured on such diverse topics as juvenile justice, career management, St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, and the Theology of Revolution. He also is an accomplished writer and poet.

Ray has sat on the boards of numerous non-profit organizations, and currently he is very involved as director of various ministries at St. Cassian's Parish in his hometown of Montclair. He also has been the recipient of myriad awards for leadership and service. Ray and wife Ruth are the proud and loving parents of four children. ☮

