

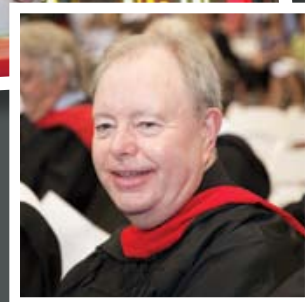
# Prep Family Wishes Fr. Levens, S.J., Well!



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In August of 2004 the Rev. Bob Levens, S.J., returned to Fairfield Prep after a term as Provincial of the Society of Jesus' New England Province to serve as the Chaplain to Faculty and Alumni. Yes, this is the same Bob Levens that first made his mark on Prep as a layman teaching in the Math department during the late 1960's, the same Rev. Bob Levens, S.J., who after entering the Society of Jesus returned to Prep in the 1980's to teach theology. Six years ago, after holding a position of great responsibility within the New England Province, Bob Levens was assigned to Fairfield Prep, to assume a new position of great responsibility. The role of Chaplain to Faculty and Alumni was new to Prep, and it was Fr. Levens' responsibility to define it.

As the adults in the community our tendency is to focus our attention on the students and appropriately so, to their needs. For the last six years Fr. Levens has been tending to the spiritual needs of the adults of the Fairfield Prep community. Fr. Levens provided the adults of the Prep community with numerous spiritual opportunities such as the retreat in daily life, the married couples retreat and the Spiritual Exercises. Fr. Levens introduced ministry mornings and expanded our faculty retreat program to two special days which the adults of Prep will tell you are critical to recharging the batteries during key times of the school year. One of the most successful experiences that Fr. Levens introduced during the past six years has been the monthly Family Masses. Faculty and staff — even a few retirees — took the opportunity to bring their families to St. Joseph's Chapel in Xavier Hall on Sunday mornings to take part in the Liturgy. These were



special times, opportunities outside of the school routine for members of the Prep community to congregate, listen to Fr. Levens give a poignant homily and most importantly enjoy each other's company.

Bob Levens is a special person, he has made the time to celebrate the weddings of faculty members, baptize their children and grandchildren and even attend funerals for Prep family members in and out of state. For the last six years, through his thoughtfulness and selflessness Bob Levens has provided us with opportunities to grow spiritually both as individuals and as a community.

So as he faithfully fulfills his next assignment as the Rector of the Jesuit Community at the Campion Center in Weston, MA, we wish him all the best and we will remember Rev. Bob Levens for being a "Man for others."