

2025 Alumni Appreciation Award Recipient – Fr. John Hagemann, O.S.B. '67



It is nearly impossible to capture the full scope of Fr. John Hagemann's impact on Mount Michael Benedictine School and Abbey. A 1967 graduate of Mount Michael, Fr. John returned after ordination and has spent the past 50 years dedicated to the Abbey and its mission of faith, education, and community.

Throughout his five decades of service, Fr. John has worn countless hats —English teacher, campus minister, director of class retreats, dean, director of musicals, and counselor for Camp St. John and Camp Mount Michael. His creativity and care have shaped generations of students, fostering both their academic growth and spiritual formation.

Fr. John's reach extends well beyond the classroom. He has served as vocation director for the monastery, coordinated the Abbey's casket ministry, and written for Benedictine publications. He has also spent time ministering in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Omaha and beyond, always answering the call to serve wherever needed. In 2010, he was recognized as Archdiocesan Teacher of the Year — a fitting tribute to his excellence in education.

Known for his joyful presence, compassion, and deep faith, Fr. John continues to embody the Benedictine spirit in all he does. You will often find him tending to the garden or leading the monastic choir in song. For the past 50 years, he has been a staple of Mount Michael and with his induction into the Hall of Fame, he will forever be a part of Mount Michael's history.