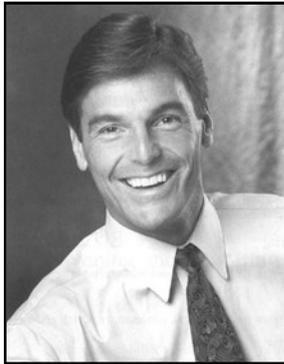


Michael H. Hay



June 23, 1953 - April 14, 1999

Michael H. Hay was a dedicated and gifted teacher, music editor, liturgical advisor, recording artist, producer, composer and pastoral musician. A scholarship program has been established in his name to honor Mike's service and dedication as he lent his many talents to St. Paul school and church -- and to all our Norwalk community -- until his untimely death in 1999 at age 45. The scholarship seeks to encourage young students to follow Mike's example by pursuing excellence in music and in the sciences.

Mike graduated from St. Paul High School in 1971 and continued his education at Saint Meinrad College in Indiana, where he earned a bachelor's degree, and at Loyola Chicago and DePaul University respectively, where he earned two masters degrees in music. While music was his passion, he also excelled in math and sciences throughout his academic career.

A serious automobile accident shortly after his high school graduation left Mike wheelchair bound and plagued by pain and numerous surgeries for many years. But he was greatly admired for the way he fought through his physical limitations throughout his adult life. His passion for music, his spirituality and his love of the church enriched his remarkable attitude and fueled his desire to teach and to minister to others.

"Mike had a mission and a purpose throughout his life ... his music," said his sister, Grace Whitehurst. "Mike was energetic and always took the time to talk to you," remembered fellow St. Paul classmate Nancy (Shafer) Benadom. Father Frank Kehres worked with Mike on "Teens Encounter Christ" retreats and described Mike as "very outgoing, talented ... extremely gifted."

One of Mike's musical compositions, "Trilingual Intercessions," was even performed at three Prayer of the Faithful masses celebrated by Pope Benedict during his US visit in April of 2008.

It is the desire of the founders of the Michael H. Hay Scholarship Program that the students of St. Paul school are inspired by Mike's life, his passion, his devotion to the liturgy and his mission of service as they pursue their own academic careers and their spiritual growth.



Michael H. Hay Scholarship for the Arts

Scholarship Application Form



The Michael H. Hay Scholarship for the Arts has been established to honor Mike Hay's love of music and its impact on the Norwalk community. Mike has been remembered as one who always gave his time to others teaching music to St. Paul students. Recipients of the Michael H. Hay Scholarship are encouraged to remember not only Mike's commitment to music but also his engaging and giving spirit. See back side of this application for Mike's biography. Applicants must...

- **Need Financial Assistance with tuition**
- Currently in grades 7-11
- Actively participate in St. Paul music program (s)
- Have a 2.0 or higher average
- Submit an essay describing how music impacts your scholastic and spiritual life

Student Name _____

Current Grade _____

Current GPA _____

Parents' Names _____

Please list the musical classes you have taken or enrolled in: _____

List any activities outside of school where you share your musical talents: _____

Please attach an essay describing how music impacts your scholastic and spiritual life.

Student Signature _____

Parent(s) Signature _____

Please submit this form and required materials to the
Development Office by **March 15.**