



ALUMNI PROFILE

JIM VANWERT

1951-1959

Jim Van Wert was a student at Saint Brigid from 1951 to 1959. He went on to high school at Saint Joseph Seminary from 1959 to 1962 and attended college there as well from 1962-1964. In 1964, he attended St. Mary's Seminary where he graduated cum laude in 1966. Jim did his graduate work at the Universities de Louvain, receiving a STL and MA Avec Distinction in Theology. In addition, he also received a doctorate in Public Administration from the University of Southern California in 1982. He married Nina Mikiczenko in 1978 and has a daughter, Catie, who is a professor at the University of Minnesota and a son, Michael, who is a social worker at Johns Hopkins and conducts research on outcome evaluations for various treatments of mental disorders.

Though he chose not to be ordained to the priesthood, Jim went on to pursue a 42 year-career in the public sector with the Federal government and eventually was promoted to the top of the career civil service. There he helped to formulate public policy, published a number of textbooks and journals, lectured both domestically and abroad, taught grad school at Central Michigan University, helped to build inter-governmental business websites, and worked with the state departments for in-service.

Thank you, Jim, for your career in service to our country.

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