

# 2025 Circle of Honor Honoree Monsignor Gary F. Simeone

## Education:

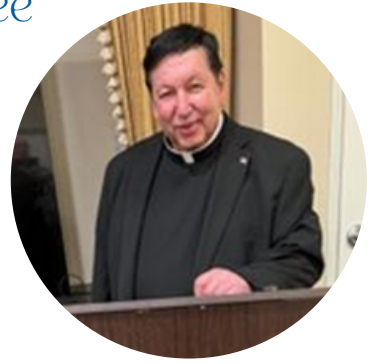
Saint Thomas Seminary - AA

Our Lady of Angles Seminary

Niagara University - BA

Priesthood at Christ the King Seminary

Saint Bonaventure University - ThM



## Board Memberships, Elected or Appointed positions, Honors and Awards:

Ordained to priesthood for the Archdiocese of Hartford

Parochial Vicar at St. Mary's Church in Newington

Co-Pastor at St. Anthony Church, Bristol

Co-Pastor at Our Lady of Victory Church, West Haven

Pastor of St. Vincent DePaul Church, East Haven & Most Holy Trinity Church, Wallingford

Dean in various Deaneries in the Archdiocese of Hartford

Pastor of St. Gregory the Great Parish in Bristol

St. Paul Catholic High School Chairman of the School Board

Chaplain to St. Paul Catholic High School

Papal Honor of Monsignor

Chairman of the Archbishop Annual Appeal

## Describe the impact of St. Paul Catholic High School on your life:

Some of my best moments have been helping St. Paul achieve its mission to be a truly great Catholic high school, especially my role in helping to establish a strong relationship between the school and my parish, St. Gregory the Great. Over the years, I assisted St. Paul and the chaplains in many liturgical needs one of which became a proud tradition of celebrating chapel Mass with Coach Jude Kelly and the football team every Friday after school prior to their weekend game. I looked forward to and wouldn't miss that opportunity to be with the coaches and players every week in the fall, year after year! Many St. Paul teams attended Sunday Mass together at St. Gregory's throughout the school year before heading to practice - which made me so proud. I always maintained a warm relationship with the school community. I continue to feel a closeness with the St. Paul community.

## What is one of the accomplishments in your life of which you feel most proud?

My Golden Jubilee, the 50th anniversary of my ordination into the priesthood.

## St. Paul's Vision is to be a truly great Catholic High School. What does "greatness" mean to you as a member of the St. Paul community?

The goal, going forward as a Catholic school, is to educate and develop young people who understand the responsibility to contribute to the greater good of this world and share the Faith that has been given to them, and to use the God given gifts for the betterment of all mankind. Greatness takes many forms!

## One memorable moment about Monsignor Gary we at St. Paul remember.

Msgr. Gary joined the St. Paul School Board in September 2011 and served for nine years chairing the board during the 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 academic years. One of the most memorable moments was during the height of COVID when we held the only St. Paul graduation not to be held at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Hartford in June 2020. Msgr. Gary and then chaplain Fr. Hector awarded diplomas to members of the Class of 2020 on the circle in front of the statue of St. Paul. After being involved in the extensive Reopening Plan for St. Paul in the summer of 2020, Msgr. Gary awarded graduation diplomas to the Class of 2021 as we returned back to the cathedral.