



## 1899 Bequest Society



# Karen & Dan Consuegra, P '13, '15, '24

**L**ong before they enrolled three sons at Jesuit High School, **Karen & Dan Consuegra, P '13, '15, '24** were heavily influenced by the Jesuits.

Karen's family is originally from the Bicol Region and the Bohol Province of the Philippines, a country that was profoundly impacted by the Jesuits for centuries, from the arrival of the first missionaries there in 1581.

The Consuegras were married by a Jesuit, Karen's uncle, **Msgr. Simon Peter Gianan Ignacio, S.J.**, who has provided counsel and friendship over the decades.

So naturally, since they lived in Tampa and had children, being a supporter of Jesuit High School was a priority even before their sons attended.

The Consuegras have maintained that support throughout their sons' formation at Jesuit. They have been President's Circle-level donors and Gaudiosa supporters for years. And their support will continue: the Consuegras have joined Jesuit's 1899 Bequest Society, which is comprised of those who have indicated in writing that they have named Jesuit in their will or estate plans.

"With Dan retiring in 2021 (from the law firm he founded in the 1980s) and putting five through college (three are in college now), our focus was to look at doing something later which would work with respect to our future and present needs," the Consuegras said. "We decided to provide for scholarships in our estate plan as one of the trust provisions.

"Jesuit High School and the Jesuits (the Society of Jesus) mean a lot to us. Three of our five children attended Jesuit High School, **Stephen '13, RC '15, and Jack '24**. All were active in athletics and the arts and took full advantage of what Jesuit had to offer. As a family we were always on campus for sporting and cultural events. Our sons bonded with Jesuit and so did the whole family, making many friends for life."

Among many aspects of the school that resonated with the Consuegras are Jesuit's very successful RCIA program and its commitment to providing financial aid for students in need.

"We like to consider what a single 'Man for Others' might do for our community, society, and the faith, which to us is

reason enough to give," the Consuegras said. "Especially when you consider that such a young man who is otherwise blessed with talent and ability might be from a family without financial means."

Giving and giving back are part of the Jesuit culture the Consuegras have embraced.

"One does not need to look far to spot men from Jesuit who have gone far, attained a lot and given back more, who would never have made it without a hand up, and not a handout," the Consuegras said. "A gift to Jesuit is a gift to all of us. We are truly blessed to have Jesuit High School in Tampa, and we have the confidence knowing what we give will be used for the greater good.

"Plain and simple, if we are going to support the faith with our time and treasure why wouldn't it be Jesuit, which is doing so much to bring light to the world." <sup>AM</sup> <sup>DC</sup>

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