

ALUMNI AWARD

JOE GARCIA '07



A member of the inaugural graduating class in 2007, Joe Garcia has the unique perspective of having been a student in the school where he is now a teacher.

“Many stages of my life have been refined through the lens of the values that I have learned at Guerin Catholic as a student and as a member of the faculty,” he says. “As a son of this school, I feel as if I am always indebted to the tremendous people who are associated with Guerin Catholic.”



As a student speaker at Guerin Catholic's very first Bishop's Dinner in 2004, Joe recalled being moved by the “attitude of gratitude” and the selfless sacrifices made by the people in attendance.



Now as a married (Laura Wagner) father of four (Ellie, Joey, Theodore and Agnes) he beautifully models that servant's heart that he witnessed so many years ago by being “present and attentive” to those around him. One classmate attests, “Even back in high school so many years ago, when you talked to Joey you knew you mattered to him. He never makes you feel rushed and always listens and is attentive

to what is going on in your life—what a blessing he is to students at Guerin Catholic!”

Then and now Joe continues to “Lead with Humility, Serve with Love and Trust in Providence” and is truly deserving of the Alumni 2021 Bishop William L. Higi Leadership Award.