



Joe Csaszar '67 stands amid the magnificent sanctuary of Saint Paul's Shrine, where he worked for many years after his teaching career.

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Magis (pronounced "màh-jis") is a Jesuit phrase that means "the more." It is taken from Ad majorem Dei gloriam, a Latin phrase meaning "for the greater glory of God." Magis refers to the philosophy of doing more, for Christ, and therefore for others.

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Looking back on his life, Joe Csaszar '67 gives thanks for many things, but most of all for his Jesuit education and his mother, who worked so hard to make it happen.

Csaszar and his mother, Mary, lived near the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, where they shared a townhouse with his grandparents.

Csaszar's parents divorced when he was 5. Young Joe had seen his father only once by chance at a bus stop. Several years later, he and his mother were called to the hospital to be at his father's side before he died.

"My father wasn't part of my life, but I wasn't missing anything; I had a great childhood. I had my mother and wonderful grandparents, who all looked after me," Csaszar says.

Mary, who was active at her parish, Blessed Sacrament, sent Joe to school there and worked tirelessly to see that he continue his education at Saint Ignatius High School and John Carroll University. In addition to her full-time job as a secretary for an insurance company, she worked on weekends as a telephone operator at Lutheran Hospital and sold Avon products.

To show his appreciation, Csaszar has designated a planned gift to the University in memory of Mary, in addition to his annual contributions to the Carroll Fund.

"I not only want to thank John Carroll because of what it has meant to me, but also to honor my mother, who did everything she could to get me there," Csaszar says.

He says he really enjoyed his days at Carroll, and wishes he could have afforded to live on campus. To help with expenses, Csaszar sold score cards at the Indians games

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Arts and Sciences Dean Addresses Magis Advisory Group

About 60 guests attended the Magis Advisory Group (MAG) Luncheon in March at the Union Club. Alumna Jeanne Colleran '76, Ph.D., dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at John Carroll was the featured speaker.

PHOTOS (clockwise from top): Jeanne Colleran '76, Ph.D., dean of JCU's College of Arts and Sciences speaks to the Magis Advisory Group; Nick Piszko '86, The Millcraft Group and Bryan Fialkowski '01,'07G, KeyBank ; Christina Beg, JCU Advancement; Kenneth Laino '75, Schneider, Smelz, Ranney & LaFond P.L.L.; and Molly Balunek '88, Inverness.



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during high school and college.

After graduating from Carroll, Cszaszar taught history at Benedictine High School for nearly 30 years. During 20 of those years, he also served as yearbook adviser.

Soon after his teaching career ended, Cszaszar was recruited by the priest at Saint Paul's Shrine, where he and his mother had been attending Saturday Mass, to be its custodian. Cszaszar was hesitant because he had no prior experience in maintenance, but he accepted the job and worked there

for more than 10 years until he retired in 2009.

Cszaszar lives in Maple Heights and keeps busy in retirement. He continues to help administer recruitment and college placement exams at Benedictine High School, which he has done for many years. He also volunteers for the Saint Ignatius annual phone-a-thon and remains good friends with several fellow alumni from Carroll and Ignatius. He regularly attends football and basketball games at both alma maters.

Cszaszar worships at Saint John's Cathedral but attends Mass at a number of places, including Saint Francis and Rodman Chapels. While on campus, he likes to grab lunch or dinner in the dining hall and read *The Carroll News*.

"I love going to Carroll. It brings back wonderful memories," Cszaszar says.

"All these great places I've been part of – Carroll, Ignatius, Benedictine, and all the terrific people. God has been very good to me; I'm truly blessed."

Create your plan

Fifty-five percent of American adults do not have a will

We would never attend a Broadway musical without a ticket or take a trip without luggage, yet most Americans have not taken the time to plan for their future. We simply never get around to it. The result is disappointing. When we fail to plan, our dreams, wishes and hopes may never be fully realized. Unfortunately, this also means our family and beneficiaries experience the expense and frustration of estate administration. A few months of probate can destroy what took a lifetime to create. Don't let this happen to you or your family.

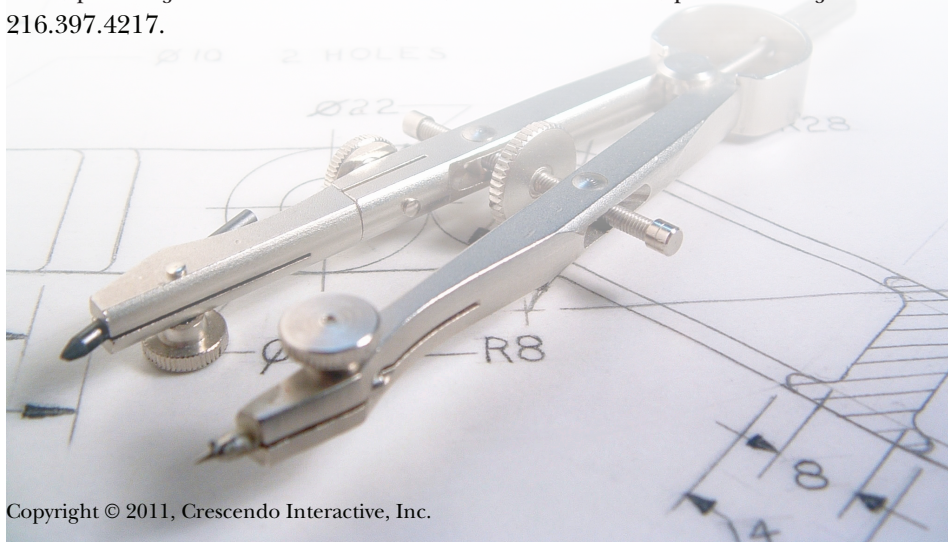
While there are plenty of perils in not having a will or estate plan, there are great rewards for those who do have one. For those who plan, there is a comfort and satisfaction in knowing that love for family and friends will continue for years to come. And property enjoyed today will be preserved and appreciated tomorrow.

There is another benefit, too. Many individuals who have a will also include a provision in their plan for their favorite charity that is similar to ours. Including a charitable organization in your will has many benefits for you. Perhaps most importantly, it demonstrates and affirms that the donations and support you have shown during your life will be transformed into a lasting legacy.

When you include a gift to John Carroll University in your will, you are telling yourself, your family, and the world that what you do, and what we will do together is important and significant for all time. Your family will see that the works and loves of your life will be lasting. There is also another benefit that you and your heirs will appreciate. When you include a gift to Carroll in your plan, your estate benefits from an estate tax charitable deduction.

Your life matters and your wishes count. Rather than leaving questions of what you would have done or would have liked to do, you leave a lasting legacy. It's one that clearly demonstrates a commitment that will last beyond your years, but not beyond your reach. Call or email us today and let's get started: Patrick Ertle, perrtle@jcu.edu or 216.397.1977, or Pete Bernardo, pbernardo@jcu.edu or 216.397.4217.

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Did you know?



The varied residents of Rodman Hall

Rodman Hall, named for Rev. Benedict Rodman, S.J., who served as John Carroll's president from 1928-1937, was not completely finished when the University's East Side campus opened in 1935. Prior to this, Jesuits at the University were commuting from the West Side. A select few were able to live in Bernet Hall and a few adventurous others slept in their offices!

Work began on the interior of Rodman in July 1938. The Jesuits that had been living in Bernet moved into Rodman in September, and the first Mass was held in the chapel on December 8. In 1943, with the war in full swing, the campus was shut down to traditional students, but opened its doors—including Rodman Hall—to the V-12 Navy College Training Program. The program provided an accelerated course of college-level education and military training to prepare young men to become Navy officers. JCU was one of 131 U.S. colleges and universities in the program.

The building would not become an entirely JCU residence again until 1945. It housed a mix of Jesuits and students throughout the years following, including Don Shula '51.

Rodman temporarily housed students exclusively after the Jesuits moved into Schell House in 1997 and Bernet was undergoing renovations. After the students and Jesuits were in their respective new homes, Rodman got a \$4.5 million facelift. The renovations took three years to plan and 10 months to complete. Rodman currently houses administrative offices, including Enrollment, Finance, General Counsel, Human Resources, Information Technology Services, and University Advancement.

Faculty Spotlight

Joseph B. Miller, Ph.D.

A half century and thousands of students later . . .

Fifty years ago, when Joe Miller started teaching at John Carroll, freshmen still wore beanies and “the only women permitted to attend classes were daughters of faculty or members of a religious order.”

Since then, campus has grown and changed for the better, Miller says. “The University is much stronger. The faculty is better; the resources are better; and the quality of service provided to the students and faculty is better. Also, the admission of women in 1968 changed the student body *dramatically* for the better. Those were gutsy women!” he adds.

Born and raised in Chicago, Miller is the son of native Clevelanders; in fact, his father, Joseph, graduated from JCU in 1934. Miller has one sister who is a nun with Green Bay Sisters of St. Joseph. He graduated from Saint Ignatius College Prep in Chicago and enrolled at John Carroll in 1955.

He received his bachelor’s in philosophy from JCU in 1959, his master’s from Ohio University in 1961, and his Ph.D. in communications at Case Western Reserve University in 1974. He served as an ROTC reserve officer during the 1960s.

Miller started working at JCU in 1961, and says, of all the people he’s encountered at the University over the years, Vincent Klein, Ph.D., stands out as his mentor and, later, as a treasured colleague and friend. Vince established JCU’s communications department in 1946, ran the debate program, and ultimately hired Miller.

From the mid-’60s to the mid-’90s, Miller was the principal lecturer of Carroll’s required speech communications core course. During this time, he was named communications department chair. In the mid-’70s, Miller was selected for the Executive Interchange Program of the President’s Commission on Personnel Exchange in Washington, D.C. He was one of 40 fellows in the yearlong program, which included a special project for what is now the Department of Education.

Upon his return to JCU and over 19 subsequent years, Miller held several administrative posts, including assistant and associate dean of Arts and Sciences; dean of the



Graduate School; coordinator of research; and acting chair of physics and philosophy. In 2006, he returned to teaching full time and also has served as director of John Carroll’s summer program ever since.

As one would expect, Miller’s teaching methods have evolved over time. “Technology has changed everything,” he says. “Students have come to learn visually. They learn by application—from things like service, internships, and dialogue, rather than from ‘the sage on the stage’—there’s still some of that, but not as much.”

He has received many awards and accolades, including the 1983 Distinguished Faculty Award and induction into The Military Science Hall of Fame: Wolfpack Battalion in 1994.

Another career highlight is his work with the Higher Education Learning Commission. Miller chairs one of 100 teams that review colleges throughout the Midwest. “As rewarding as teaching is, this is a different kind of reward. We assess the quality of institutions and assure that they are meeting certain criteria.”

In his spare time, Miller likes to garden. “The tomatoes think I’m brilliant and they don’t talk back,” he chuckles. He and his wife, Helen, celebrate 51 years of marriage this summer. They have five children (the oldest and youngest of whom are JCU alumni): Chris ’83 in New Orleans; Judy in San Diego; Pat in Twinsburg; Miller in Nashville; and John ’91 in Macomb, Illinois; and seven grandchildren.

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