

# Comet Alumni Spotlight

**Monsignor Jerry Ward**

St. Thomas Class of 1967

## **Educational Background:**

Bergan High School, Benedictine College, KS, (2 yrs), St. Meinrad College, IN (2 yrs) and St. Meinrad School of Theology (4 yrs)

## **Recent Achievements:**

Ordained a priest for the Diocese of Peoria in 1979. Had many blessings along the way from serving the parishes that I have been privileged to serve. The honor of the title of Monsignor was a very humbling and gracious gift from Pope Benedict XVI and Bishop Daniel Jenky.

## **Family/Comet Siblings:**

Parents: Dr. & Mrs. Clarence (Mary) Ward (Deceased)

John V. Ward (Comet Grad - 1965) (Deceased)

Mary T. (Ward) Buie (Comet Grad - 1969)

Timothy R. Ward (Comet Grad - 1983)

## **Favorite experience as a St. Thomas Comet:**

When we moved out of the church basement over to the new gym (across Monroe) for school lunch period.



## **St. Thomas teacher who made an impact on you:**

Ms. Maloof, she was our 7th grade science teacher. Her classes were so much fun and very interesting. She cared about her students and it showed in her enthusiasm for teaching.

## **Piece of advice for current Comets:**

Pay attention to the gift of the Holy Spirit in your life, for you may be directed to a vocation and way to serve Our Lord that you never expected. Embrace the gift of faith that you have been given and learn about at St. Thomas Apostle School.