

## John and Micky Martin

Over the past 50 years, John and Micky Martin have done so much for the parish that in this brief period of time, I can only highlight aspects of their service.

Micky was very instrumental in organizing the Religious Education program at OLR. She held the first class for Catholic public schoolchildren in her family room. Subsequently, she and John taught Religious Education classes twice a week in the OLR school classrooms, and John served on the first OLR parish school board.

John and Micky served on the Facilities Committee prior to the parish merger, and also served on two parish councils since the mergers. They are currently participating in the Pastoral Stewardship Council.

Since John's retirement in 1987, he has been the sacristan at OLR, which requires readying the church daily for the morning Masses, for Saturday funerals and any other special weekend activities. Being well-informed regarding the Liturgy of the Hours, he chooses the appropriate hymns each day for the various seasons and leads the singing at the daily Masses, having been a choir member for many years.

John trains the altar servers for OLR and currently has 19 people whom he schedules in groups of three for each Sunday liturgy as well as for special Masses during the year.

John and Micky had leadership roles in the Christian Family Movement during the 60's & 70's and also participated in the following:

- Fr. Larkin's "Church History" lectures
- John Braun's Bible study classes and shared scripture studies
- Ecumenical study groups and living room dialogue groups
- Renew
- Small faith-sharing groups
- Lenten lecture series
- Cursillo
- Pastoral Care program
- Numerous parish social functions

Most recently John and Micky somehow hoisted the 15-foot-long paper mache angel outside OLR Hall to enhance the April Burning Bush program featuring angels.

Micky was on the OLR liturgy committee to reconfigure the seating, altar and ambo, remodel and enlarge the hall and OLR's old kitchen, install the stained glass windows from St. Aloysius, The couple also sponsored the design and installation of OLR's rosary window.

Outside the parish, both John and Micky have been volunteers at the Stanford Hospital chaplaincy program for about 20 years, and Micky is a volunteer at the food closet downtown as well as a regular Eucharistic Minister visitor to the homebound in the community.

John and Micky have six children and many grandchildren, and for all that this couple has done for the parish, I join the congregation in saying thank you and please accept this certificate as a token of our gratitude and appreciation.

