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February 8 marks the 1st anniversary of Tom's passing



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Remembering Tom

Join us for a Zoom Rosary &
.....In the words of John Feinstein and John McLaughlin



Tuesday, Feb. 8, 7:45pm

Please join us for a Zoom call to pray the rosary for and remember Tom on the 1st anniversary of his passing.



Basketball Scout's Honor

John Feinstein's poignant and excellent remembrance of Tom ["The game won't be the same without longtime scout Konchalski" Sports, Feb. 10, 2021](#)) resonated with me. I shared Feinstein's loss of Konchalski, who was a close and longtime friend. I agreed with Feinstein's

The Zoom link is at the bottom of the page.

We are looking for volunteers to say each decade. If you wish to say a decade of the rosary, please let us know by email at tomkfoundation.org@gmail.com.

If you cannot make the rosary, please remember Tom in your prayers. Thank you.



Pictured left to right: John Mullally, Joe Dunleavy, Bob Byrnes, Barry "Slice" Rohrsen, Rich Kosik, Greg Shemitz, Dennis O'Donnell, Rich Petriccione. A small group gathered for Mass and an informal lunch on January 8, Tom's 75th birthday.

A larger luncheon and program were planned but had to be cancelled due to concerns about the rapid spread of covid and Omicron variant in NYC.

expressions about Konchalski as an adroit basketball scout but more importantly as a person.

I met Konchalski in 1989 when Gonzaga College High School began its Gonzaga DC Classic Basketball Tournament. He took an immediate interest in it and used the games for incorporation in his coveted and legendary scouting reports. During halftime of one of the tournament's games, Konchalski and I would meet in his preferred top bleacher row as he shared with me his recommendations for teams to include in the next year's tournament. As I attempted to write it all down, he shared names and phone numbers of teams, coaches and top players, all from his keen memory. After Christmas, he would call me and provide additional information along with his personal seasonal greetings to me and my family, all of whom he knew by name.

As a Jesuit-educated graduate of Fordham, Konchalski loved our tournament because he strongly believed in its purpose: raising funds to support Gonzaga Student Service Programs, local, national and international. He believed in and followed the Jesuit philosophy of being "A Man for Others" throughout his life. Eschewing some modern conveniences (computer, cellphone, driving), he lived his life authentically and with sincere dedication to his gifts. He was one of the kindest, most sincere and most honest people I have ever known.

They "broke the mold" when Konchalski was born; he was truly one of a kind. I and the Gonzaga Tournament Committee shall miss Konchalski and his unforgettable legacy more than words can express.

John J. McLaughlin

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