

Dr. Judith Krone, PhD Parish Catechist has died.

Dear Parish Family of Assumption,

I just learned from Marty that his wife Judy, age 56 died not long after I anointed her at Bridgeport Hospital on Wednesday, October 10th. Marty and Judy, married when they were 21, and have two children, Charlotte, a college graduate and Wyatt, a freshman at Staples.

Judy battled cancer for 5 years, with grace, dignity and dedication. Throughout the battle she managed being a wife, mother and catechist to the very end. Cathy, our DRE, knows how dedicated she was, missing only one class in the 5 years she underwent chemo.

Wyatt was 9 when she started chemo. He accompanied his mom to the sessions which brought hope and joy to all the cancer patients, who benefited from his being there. I lost my mother to cancer when I was 33, I can only imagine what it must be like at age 14.

In our lives, there are many teachable moments. On the athletic field and courts, on stage, on the honeymoon, on spiritual retreats, in Religious Ed. class, at home, work, vacation, at birth, sickness and even in dying. I had the opportunity of conversing with Judy in the office and at the hospital. From her sick bed, she has provided for us a tremendous teachable moment. How blessed she was to have built a marriage in which the vows... "in sickness and in health till death"...became so evident. Through her battle, she stayed focused on others: Marty, Wyatt, Charlotte and her students in Religious Education. It never was about Judy.

This was most clearly revealed when she said, "Father, this is harder on the children and Marty than on me. I am grateful to God. Next to my faith, they are the three greatest gifts God has given me."

This is the caliber of Catechists teaching our children! The Parish Family has lost a great gift. Judy would be the first to remind me, Assumption is filled with many Judy Krones: our Parish moms, dads and catechists, where faith and family are cherished gifts and where Parish service flows from the awareness that it is not about me.

With deep sorrow and gratitude, I pray, with you... "May Dr. Judith Krone rest in peace. Amen."

Fr. Tom

Photos of Judy teaching Religious Education Classes
Here at Assumption

