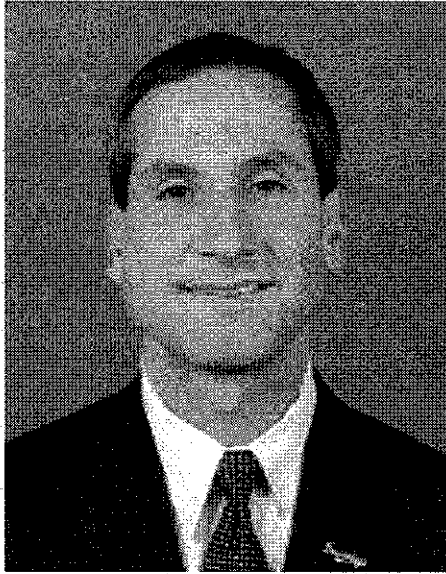


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## **Catholic School Success Story**

# FRANK CARBONE, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AT ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE



Frank Carbone spent his grammar school years at St. Stanislaus Kostka School in Brooklyn. Three decades later, he is still at the school - he has spent the last 20 years running the St. Stan's Athletic League, a program he helped start shortly after graduating from New York University.

A priest he knew from his St. Stan's days approached him about starting the program because the school had gone a number of years without athletic activities. Carbone, preparing to start his career in the corporate world, eagerly accepted the volunteer position.

"Someone essentially said, 'Here's the keys, you have the whole gym to yourself.' What 21-year-old would say no to that?" he said. "What's more important, the big corporate world or making a difference? Unwittingly, 20 years

later here we are."

Carbone later left the corporate field for a coaching position at St. Joseph's College in Brooklyn and today he is the college's athletic director, as well as the head coach of the women's basketball and softball teams. He is also a member of St. Stan's inaugural executive board.

"One of the reasons I've been so involved with St. Stan's is because it's important to me," he said. "It gave me my foundations."

Carbone mentioned that if a student was late or did not do homework, their parents would hear all about it. In retrospect, it was a good thing because it showed the school's staff felt every student was important. He believes one of the reasons he got into Regis High School was because he had such good teachers at St. Stan's.

He pointed out that many alumni remain actively involved with the school, regularly participating in events like the annual 5K walk/run. Many participants in the Athletic League have grown up and chosen to stay on, volunteering as coaches themselves.

Carbone continues to be involved with the St. Stan's Athletic League, though he is taking more of a back seat now, allowing younger leaders to take the wheel.

"When I had my 'midlife crisis' I was like do I stay corporate or do I give back?" said Carbone. "The program has a nice way of perpetuating itself; hopefully 20 years from now they'll have passed the torch on to keep the engine going."