

ST. JOHN GRAD GRATEFUL TO BE IN POSITION TO GIVE BACK

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Michael Rempe lives his life based on the values and ethics instilled by the Catholic education he received at St. John Regional Catholic School.

He gives freely of himself, his professional skills and his money. He is active in his children's recreational interests and he has helped guide

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many young men in pursuit of their Eagle Scout rank.

In recognition of Rempe's service to community, St. John Regional Catholic School last month honored him with its Distinguished Graduate Award.

Rempe comes from a long line of St. John students. He joked that there should be a wing named for his family.

"I have five brothers and five sisters," he said. "So that's 11 children who have attended St. John at one time or another."

Rempe and his wife, Patty, have four children, two of whom have graduated from the pre-K to

eighth-grade school.

"And I have at least four nieces and nephews who have attended the school," he said.

Rempe said he is at a loss as to why he was singled out for the award. He acknowledged he donates time and money to the school and St. Ignatius of Loyola Church in Ijamsville. He is involved in Boy Scout Troop 792 and often provides help to other troops and individual Scouts.

He said he is proud and honored to be in a position to contribute to the community and does not expect awards to come from such service.

Jean Wright, the school's director of admissions and a 12-year school parent, has first-hand knowledge of Rempe's service to both school and community.

Rempe owns Clearwater Landscape and Nursery. He has provided volunteer landscaping services to many organizations, including the school, the church and the East Third Street Park.

"Mike really knows how to beautify our world while giving back to the community," Wright wrote in an e-mail to *The*



Staff photo by Sam Yu

Michael Rempe is a member of the Class of 1979 of St. John Regional Catholic School and was at the school's graduation and awards ceremony Friday afternoon to accept the Distinguished Graduate Award. With him at the lectern is one of his children, John.



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Director of admissions, St. John Regional Catholic School

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Wright said Rempe told her the success he

enjoys in life began with the solid education he received at St. John.

The Ijamsville resident said he is proud to be able to give back, and is prouder yet to own a company that provides jobs for 60 in the community.

"It's nice to be in the position to give," he said. "It makes me proud and grateful."