

## **TESTIMONIALS FOR BROTHER PHILIP KEAVNEY, FSC**

Brother Philip was one of the most influential people in my life. He taught me to write and how to go about thinking. He was our family's personal speech and debate coach and attended every tournament. In addition, he, my sister Marta and I spent many, many hours playing basketball in the CBS gym. The man had a wicked 30-foot set shot!

**Phillip Larrea**

Brother Philip taught me to think critically and to this day informs how I think and what I say. He was a master of the art of the proverb: "After all is said and done, there is much more said than done." He tirelessly indoctrinated his students with a work ethic and none more so than the student body officers at Sacred Heart. He taught us to give primacy of place to logic and balance in our thinking: a gift and a valuable tool to last a lifetime. Philip taught us at a young age to put all of life's troubles in their rightful place: "Well...at least it ain't cancer." He transformed young fools into men. I thank God for the life of Philip Keavney, F.S.C. Rest in peace great teacher.

**Paul Martin**

I am not gonna lie: Brother Philip was a tough SOB. But in my senior year, I washed dishes after school at the Brother's residence (fall 94-spring 95). And I got to know him much better. Sharp as a tack, witty, with lots of knowledge. I definitely am glad I got to know him better-- after all, my first experience with him was frosh religion fall of '92. Rest in peace Br. Phillip.

**Quoc Bao Raphael Tran**

Rest easy Brother Philip. As I reflect back to my St. Mary's College High School days, although many teachers had huge impacts on my life, Brother Philip had the biggest hands down. His unorthodox method of teaching critical thinking kept me interested and made me fall in love with riddles. It was because of his teaching I ended up in the IT field. I became proficient at problem solving at it was all because of him. Thank you, Brother Philip.

**Darryl Gatan**

I credit Brother Philip for being instrumental in developing my critical thinking, imagination, discipline, and curiosity. Anyone else remember the story about the hedge?\* Rest in Peace.

**Gerald Wayfer**

RIP Brother Philip. I am very lucky to have you touch my life. I am a better person, Father, Husband because of you. The impact you had on me will last a lifetime. You are truly loved by all you have taught. You will be missed!

**Raymond Valero**

The hedge\* and the house drawings are what I remember most. He challenged us to be independent, critical thinkers. He was such a great educator.

**Giao Le**

He started his first class freshman year with a question on the board. "What is a hedge?\*" We spent at least a month or two debating, discussing and analyzing it, then moved onto the short story called "The Other Side of the Hedge.\*" It amazes me thinking back how simple a question can be so complex.

**Darryl Gatan**

Rest in Heaven Brother Phillip. We had some great conversations. His critical thinking teachings were phenomenal.

**Bert Thomas**

Brother Philip was a trip for Sacred Heart boys in the 70's...light years away from the nuns most of us just left behind in grade school. A different slice, too, from any other teachers at Sacred Heart. I had him for English and Religion and they were pretty much the same class. May He Rest In Peace.

**Dennis McLaughlin**

Brother Phillip didn't give handouts. If it was hot garbage he'd hand it back to you. RIP and thank you for the love you gave us.

**Jason Dillard**

RIP BROTHER PHIL. He was one of the few instructors who knew exactly how to keep strict control without ANY threat of violence or even raising his voice. A REAL example of distinguished leadership.

**Jonathon Brown**

Brother Philip said teaching was an art, and these remembrances by his students show it to be true and lasting.

**Pam Borrelli**

One of the best teachers I ever had the privilege of being in a classroom with.

**Bill Walker**

[\\*Link to YouTube audiobook version of "The Other Side of the Hedge" by E.M. Forster.](#)