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BERGAN
CATHOLIC
SCHOOL

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- As we recognize the 125th Birthday of Archbishop Gerald T. Bergan himself, we celebrate our Catholic School's history while optimistically looking forward to our future. We recently have taken a deliberate look at our school logo and have made some subtle changes.



OUR MASCOT

- Since the creation of Saint Patrick's High School in 1950, the Knight has been the chosen mascot to represent the Catholic High School in Fremont. As a ministry of St. Patrick's Parish, the school colors of Kelly Green and Gold link to the Parish's Irish Heritage. When Archbishop Bergan High School was completed in 1960, the new school adopted the Knight mascot and school colors from the former St. Patrick's High School.



What is a Knight?

- We are proud to have the Knight as our school mascot as in the Middle Ages Knights were represented as warriors for God. In the 11th and 12th centuries, under the influence of the Catholic Church, a code of moral behavior called Chivalry developed that Knights were expected to uphold. A Knight took an oath to defend the Catholic Church, protect defenseless people, and treat their opponents with compassion and respect. This code held that Knights should only fight for glory and not material rewards and that all honor was given to God for all victories achieved.



Chivalry and Blackletter

- Today we honor this Code of Chivalry at Archbishop Bergan with the Knight's C.O.D.E. Each letter of the word C.O.D.E. stands for a different expectation that our students are bound to; Commitment, Ownership, Excellence, and Discipline. We have added Old English script on the logo, which was the text of choice for Archbishop Bergan Catholic for much of the 1970's, 80's and 90's and was present on places such as letter head, athletic uniforms and on the stage in the Gary D. Schmidt Gym.

Symbolism

- The Old English, a.k.a Blackletter script, gives us a connection to our Knight mascot as Blackletter was the text of choice during the Middle Ages. Our logo has deliberate imagery that has been created and should be recognized. The shield outline represents that Knight as a defender, protector and peacemaker rather than an offensive aggressor. The shield is celebrated daily at Bergan Elementary as students receive Shields of Excellence when they go above and beyond the Knight's C.O.D.E. expectations. The green and gold Knight in the middle of the shield connects us to our school colors and mascot. The cross in the middle of the shield places Jesus and his sacrifice for in the center of our lives.





- Our hope is that the school logos represent the school with pride. Individuals and entities are NOT to share or use the Bergan Logos within the expressed consent of Bergan Administration meaning the President, Principal, or Assistant Principal. Most of these images were created through the talents of Mr. Curtis Marolf and all credit goes to Curtis as well as D&T Shirtified for helping design these images.

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Knights

Lady Knights

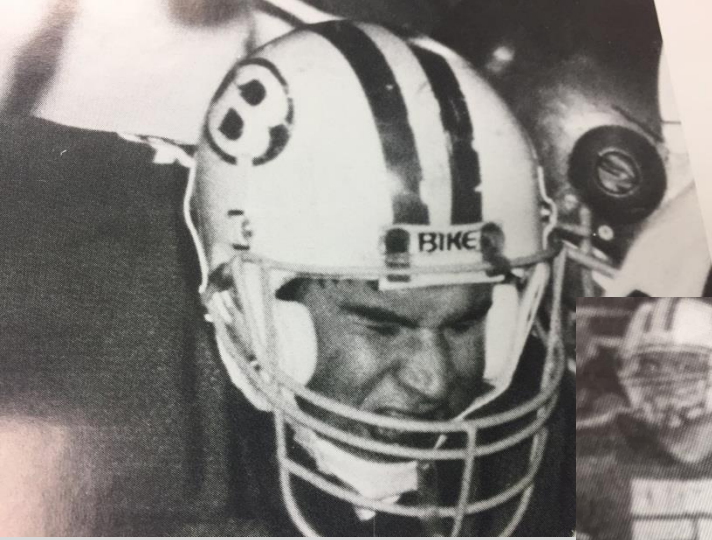
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The Bergan B

- The Bergan B has been a feature on Bergan Football Helmets since the 1976.
- The Bergan B began as a White B with a green oval encompassing it. In 1990 it transitioned into a stand alone Green B with no background on the traditional white helmets of the Fighting Knights Football Team
- In 2000 the helmets were changed to Green and the B became Gold in color.





1990



1976

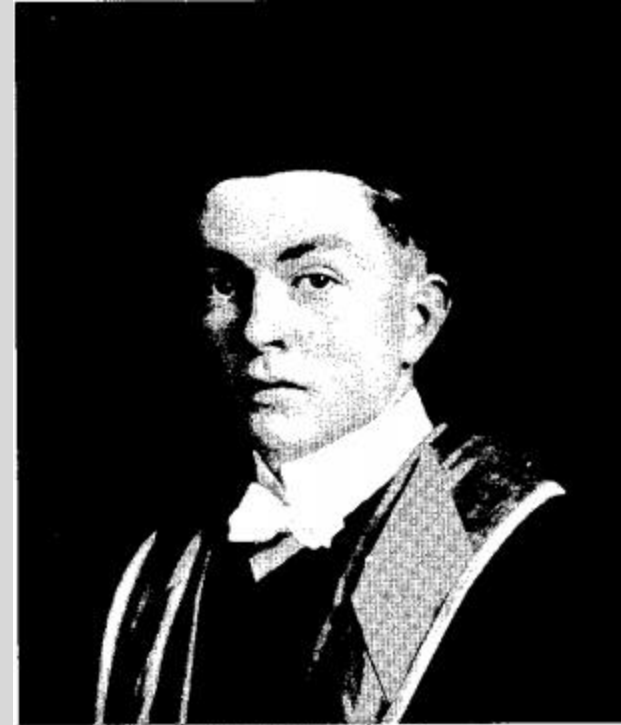


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Who exactly is Gerald T. Bergan?

- **Born Jan 6, 1892** in Peoria, Illinois.
- Father was a fireman.
- Came from a family of 6 children.
- His family experienced poverty.
- Loved his hometown of Peoria.
- In school one of his friends stated, “He showed an extraordinary capacity for work and an open-hearted, friendly personality. He was an honor student, a brilliant scholar, an excellent debater and a fine basketball player.... He was the best of friends- thoughtful, generous and enthusiastic.”



College grad — 1912.

The Priesthood



- He studied in Rome and was ordained October 28, 1915 offering his first Mass at the tomb of St. Peter.
- Appointed the Bishop of Des Moines on March 24th 1934.
- Appointed as the Archbishop of Omaha in February of 1948.
- He served as the Archbishop of Omaha for 21 years.
- Died July 12, 1972

Quotes

- To other Christians; “May harmony bind us together, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, for we are the sons of a common Father and brothers of the same sweet, loving Christ. May we love each other with a deepening affection as we journey home.”
- At the dedication of Bergan High School he stated; “While men mount through space almost to the heavens, surprisingly the higher their journey, the slower their progress in the knowledge of Almighty God. With almost 100% of scholastic endeavor being interested simply and solely in the development of the mind toward material affairs, there is little wonder man, God’s greatest creation, has never learned the purpose of life nor the ability to live at peace.”

Accomplishments

- He was known as the building bishop or bricks and mortar bishop. He expanded the educational opportunities in the Archdiocese because he believed that Catholic education was the way to stop the moral decay of society and battle materialism.
- He built new churches, renovated other churches, built schools, hospitals, care facilities for the elderly and cemeteries.



Quick Facts about Archbishop Bergan

- “He was in glory every time he made an appearance... He was always dressed very formally.”
- He loved colorful language. “This is your Archbishop, successor of the Apostles.” - GTB
- “My dear friends, I have come to dwell amongst you as your servant. As the Holy Father is the servant of men, so it is I who shall be your servant.” -GTB
- He was extremely visible and outgoing.
- After events he would stand around talking and joking with people for long periods of time.
- He had an excellent sense of humor. “When I die, I’ll most likely die the same way Christ did, between two thieves- my doctor on one side of me and my lawyer on the other.” -GTB
- Every Sunday he would visit hospitalized clergymen.

- Archbishop Gerald T. Bergan
- A leader that had an unwavering commitment to the plan of God.
- Our Namesake and a great Christian Model of service.

