

To My Fellow Santa Clarans and "Pause For Coz Family"

My name is Jim Murphy '81 and I am an alumnus who just recently turned 50 and now resides in Laguna Niguel California, with my wife Karen and twin boys 12 years of age. For many of you who knew me this may come as a surprise after engaging me in numerous Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday as well as an occasional Monday and or Thursday night out. Miracles do still exist and I am convinced that being able to call Father Coz my friend is absolutely one of them!

Last week Charmaine and Steve asked if I would send a note to our "Pause For Coz" family in honor of reaching our \$300k milestone in May and eventually commemorating the Good Padre's 85th Birthday in August by our new quest to hit \$500K. Humbled, I am honored to do anything in regards to the Good Father, so here we go:

I first of all want to say THANK YOU and suggest that all of us to take a minute to mutually enjoy a tremendous milestone reached in our quest for establishing the Father Coz Scholarship Fund. This unique grass roots scholarship funding effort started three years ago is now one of the fastest growing and most participated funding efforts in the history of Santa Clara University, and we all should be proud to say we are a part of such a significant life experience!

I, like many of you, have had the good Father marry us in the Mission, baptize our children in the local parish, and help send family members off to heaven at a moment's notice. He never said no to any of us and he has always treated us like our requests and needs were the most important matters in his life to attend to that day. He has a truly amazing commitment to our souls.

Oddly enough, in looking at my passion for the "Pause For Coz" effort, this was not why I chose to participate with such fervor. Rather, after careful thought, it came to me that my energy was generated by the many things he did for me as I wove my way through both Santa Clara and into my young adulthood. I began to remember when we were undergraduates and away from home for the first time; we were uncertain about ourselves and what was going on around us. It was more often than not that Father Coz was the one that listened to us, calmed us, and then ever so softly helped to direct us to the right answers. Over time we then saw him do this for 100's and 100's of other fellow friends and "Pause for Cozers." He had an uncanny ability to read us as people, help keep us on the right track and became both a true friend and mentor. Everyday, I hope I can be half as effective with my children as he was with me.

What I ask of each of you is to put time aside as Coz did so often for us, to PARTICIPATE to the best of your ability and encourage your friends to PARTICIPATE in this effort. ***What makes Coz smile today at the Jesuit house is not the dollar commitment, but reminiscing as he looks at the unbelievable list of names he sees on the donor list, and visiting with the people and their family's who attend these great events.***

Remember he gave to each us the only thing he could offer- his time, his assistance and his friendship. I am truly excited about the opportunity in front of us to return the gift in kind... Per this note I wanted to be one of the first to commit a 3 year pledge to the Father Coz Scholarship Fund and I am asking all of you to follow and get our not yet committed friends on board. I am extremely confident in our quest and look forward to the day when we will look back and smile with Coz and with each other as we reach the next milestone in our Journey!!

All The Best and Godspeed in our quest!!

"The Murph"
Jim Murphy '81