

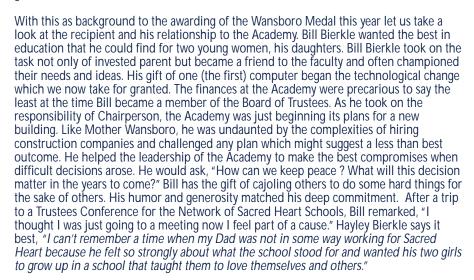
## THE 2004 WANSBORO AWARD RECIPIENT



Bill Bierkle

Katherine Wansboro, rscj loved Michigan and was committed to the best in education for young women as she followed in the footsteps of other great Religious of the Sacred Heart educators who came to Michigan in 1850. One hundred years later, Mother Wansboro's Mission as Reverend Mother of the Community at Lawrence Avenue put her in the position of directing real and dramatic change for the Academy of the Sacred Heart in the late 50's. She had little finance when the Academy was in need of new direction. She was able to use the phrase "courage and confidence" as she sought help to move here to Bloomfield Hills. She set out her goals and with directness and some cajoling of the Father's Club made sure she had the right people to help her do the right things. The results are before you. She made

friends who are still friends of the Academy in her honor. She searched out the mystery of why God wanted the school to be here and she trusted others to make a commitment to goodness and to the Heart of Jesus.



The 2004 Wansboro Award is presented to Bill Bierkle for his years of dedication to the Academy of the Sacred Heart as a parent, friend, member and Chairman of the Board of Trustees for nine years, and a stakeholder in the values and Mission of the Religious of the Sacred Heart.



