



## The Father Cooper Distinguished Alumni Award

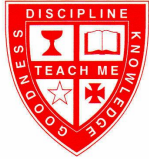
One of the humblest and most loyal servants in their vocation to St. Thomas High School was Father Donald Cooper, '40, C.S.B. After becoming an ordained priest in 1950, Father Cooper's service at St. Thomas would continue for the next 30 years, including a period as principal from 1968 - 1976. Father Cooper not only had a strong desire to build St. Thomas' prominence with an academically strong and faithful student body, but a will to make each graduate from here the epitome of "Goodness, Discipline, and Knowledge." This extraordinary commitment to his alma mater would earn Father Cooper the nickname, "Mr. St. Thomas."

To recognize extraordinary alumni for their dedication to St. Thomas High School's mission of Goodness, Discipline, and Knowledge in their careers and daily lives, the Alumni Association established the Distinguished Alumni Award. In 1995, it was named in honor of its first recipient, none other than "Mr. St. Thomas," Father Donald Cooper, CSB.

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The recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award is selected from nominations by any member of the St. Thomas High School community. A committee in the Alumni Association will then review each nomination thoroughly before voting on the single recipient.

If you are a member of the St. Thomas High School community, please complete the following form to nominate an alumnus who you see is befitting for the Father Cooper Distinguished Alumni Award.



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## The Father Cooper Distinguished Alumni Award Past Winners

- **1995** Rev. Donald T. Cooper, CSB '40  
and James J. McConn '44
- **1996** Joseph T. Vaughn '62
- **1997** Dr. Robert G. McConn '42
  - **1999** Larry S. Gillespie '55
  - **2001** Albert V. Kochran '43
- **2007** Joseph Denis Powers '49
- **2009** John P. Fauntelroy '53
- **2009** Joseph B. Lombardo '56
- **2010** P. Andrew McStay '69
- **2011** Dr. James V. Johnson '55
  - **2012** Steven Arndt '79
  - **2013** Rev. Ralph Davila '49
  - **2014** Stephen Green '68
  - **2016** Hugh J. Rafferty '42