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NOTHING WE DO IS COMPLETE. WE PLANT SEEDS THAT ONE DAY WILL GROW. WE WATER SEEDS ALREADY PLANTED BY OTHERS. WE MAY NEVER SEE THE END RESULTS. WE ARE PROPHETS OF A FUTURE NOT OUR OWN.

From a prayer by Oscar Romero, a favorite of Dr. Tom Enneking, BHS Class of 1973



**DR. THOMAS ENNEKING
BHS CLASS OF 1973
ANGOLA & INDIANAPOLIS,
INDIANA**

Education and training after BHS:

- Doctor of Philosophy, Civil Engineering University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, 1991
- Master of Science, Civil Engineering Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Virginia, 1978
- Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute, Indiana, 1977
Minors in Economics and Psychology
- Professional Engineer: Ohio and Indiana

Career summary:

- Five years as a structural vibration consultant for Structural Dynamics Research Corporation in Cincinnati Ohio
Projects included structural integrity, structural dynamic and seismic qualifications for a large variety of civil/mechanical structures. Projects ranged from pulp and paper refiners in Louisiana to appliances in Kentucky to missile transport systems in Montana, to diamond extraction equipment in South Africa.
- Over 40 years of engineering and academic experience with over 25 years of administrative experience at increasing levels of responsibility: Executive Vice President/Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs for over 21 years serving three presidents at two different universities.
- 22 years at Tri-State (now Trine) University, Angola Indiana, 1983-2005
 - Lawrence L. Dresser Chair of Engineering, 2004-2005
 - Vice-President for Academic Affairs, 1996-2004
 - Chairman, Department of Civil Engineering, 1993-1996
 - Assistant Dean of Engineering, 1991-1993
 - Tenured Full Professor, 1999-2005
 - Assistant/Associate Professor Department of Civil Engineering 1983 – 1999

Career (cont.)



- Last 16 years at Marian University, Indianapolis Indiana, 2005-Present
 - Senior Advisor to the President and Professor of Engineering, 2018 - Present
 - Executive Vice President and Provost, 2010 – 2018
 - Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, 2005 – 2010

Current Community Service

- Member, St. Anthony's Catholic Church – active in music ministry
- Member of Christian folk/rock guitar trio "Higher Plain"
- Board member, Educate Haiti Foundation

Family:

- Grew up in Oldenburg; son of Gilbert and Rita Enneking. I have an older sister Jane and an older brother Leon, along with two younger sisters, Nancy and Vicki. I went to school in Oldenburg until the eighth grade when the "new" Batesville Jr. High was opened in 1968. Married for 42 years to Sherri, a graduate of Prairie Heights High School in northeastern Indiana and the School of Nursing at Ball State University. We have two daughters and four grandchildren.



Activities while at BHS:

- Junior Class President, Future Teachers, National Honor Society

Best education-related memories from BHS:

- Student teaching 7th graders with Mr. Brebberman gave me my start in teaching.
- Math and Physics classes with Mr. Clifton started me on my engineering journey.
- Before the days of dual credit and AP classes, BHS allowed me and four other classmates to be the first group of students (to the best of my knowledge) to take two math classes as freshmen which allowed us to take a pre-calculus class as seniors.

A personal quote about the importance of education:

"Knowledge is power. Data, information and skills are merely the building blocks for knowledge. Real knowledge requires that we apply these building blocks to problems, subject them to real world constraints, and then interpret the results within an ethical framework using critical and creative thinking, our experience and careful study."