

## *HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE*

### **RAYMOND C. TEATUM '54**



Ray Teatum, from St Francis Xavier parish in Brooklyn, entered Power Memorial Academy in September, 1950. He grew up in the Park Slope neighborhood of Brooklyn. After graduating from Power, he attended and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from St. Johns University in New York. He then attended Holy Apostles Seminary in Cromwell, CT 1961-62. After leaving seminary he did post graduate studies at St Johns University and Fordham University. After college, Ray embarked on a distinguished career in many areas of public service. His first job was as a staff member for then Congressman Hugh L. Carey. While on staff for the Congressman he became a member of the NY State Legislature Joint Legislative Committee for Child Caring Needs.

His public service continued as the Executive Director of the Sunset Park Community Corporation a Community Development Agency funded by the federal government Council Against Poverty. During this period Ray worked as a consultant on a development project for South Shore Hospital. In 1973 his career took a turn that brought him to the Council of the City of New York where he spent 13 years. First as Legislative Coordinator to the Council and then as the Executive Assistant to the Speaker of the City Council.

Ray ultimately became the First Deputy City Clerk of New York having been appointed by the City Council for 3 six year terms and was the Acting City Clerk for the City of New York. He ended his career in that office after 16 years retiring in 2002.

Ray's other areas of dedication include being Grand Knight for the Knights of Columbus, La Salle Council, President of the Brooklyn Catholic interracial Council, President of the St. Patrick's Society of Brooklyn and President of the Emerald Association of Long Island to name a few. He has been a loyal member of the Knights of Malta for over 35 years including Knight Grand Cross-Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre. Ray also serves on the Boards of the Catholic Home Bureau, St. Clare's Hospital, St. Vincent's Hospital and also serves on the St. Vincent's Hospital Foundation.

Ray is married to Mary Buckley Teatum who was a Principal for the NY City Board of Education and was an Adjunct Professor at St. Joseph's College, Brooklyn.