

July 8, 2015

Dear Friends of Peter Zwach:

Today my husband Peter, father of three & grandfather of two, was admitted suddenly into United Hospital in Saint Paul with a serious bone infection in his left foot. (Some friends may already know that Peter's right foot was infected previously and it required three months of intensive antibiotic treatment. That treatment successfully controlled the infection.) This new, unexpected and potentially life-threatening infection in his left foot has not responded to the inpatient intravenous antibiotic protocols administered to him. Therefore, should this uncontrolled infection become opportunistic and spread into his bloodstream, emergency surgery to amputate up to his entire left foot shall be required to prevent further infection, blood poisoning and/or potential death.

Peter was highly respected as a leader, teacher, mentor/coach and athletic director for *Saint Paul Public Schools, the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis* and the Catholic Athletic Association (CAA). He was much admired by: former student-athletes whom he coached & mentored in several sports; parents of athletes & students not involved in athletics; and the Twin Cities athletic community-at-large. Peter taught & coached mostly at his grade school *alma mater*, the former Saint Francis de Sales Grade School, which merged into Saint Francis-Saint James School in the West 7th Street neighborhood. He is also an alumnus of Cretin High School '78 (now Cretin-Derham Hall), and then the College of Saint Thomas (now University of Saint Thomas). As such, many of his friends include the West 7th Street community and athletic directors & coaches throughout the Twin Cities' public & parochial grade & high schools.

Peter is strong in his mind & spirit and he has assuredly our family's unconditional love & support! However at present, he is unable to work and this situation is sorely testing our family's mettle both spiritually & economically. The unexpected expenses associated with his illness—even with health insurance—have overwhelmed our family's already tight budget. Quite honestly, the expenses have taken a great toll on our family's pooled financial resources. Thus, we as a family have elected to go public with our story of great need and we turn to you, our circle of friends—both lifelong & new—for financial assistance in any amount possible should budgets permit it. Your generosity and kindness shall make a difference! It shall help our strong, but struggling family cover some of the expenses related to his illness and for what we hope & pray shall be his full recuperation!

Please know that the entire Zwach Family, Abigale "Abby", Peter "P.J.", Emily and I would be most grateful for any expression of aid; and our thanks to all contributors would be most sincere & immeasurable! All donors would be a constant in our family's prayers and we thank you in advance and we send our collective blessings to you all!

Mrs. Peter (Colleen) Zwach

To donate and for updates on Peter's status, please visit **Go Fund Me** at:

<http://www.gofundme.com/z82jxt4>

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