

## CONNELL FAMILY STATEMENT.... December 22, 2008

Mike Connell's passing was a terrible tragedy for his family, our community and our country. Mike was a devoted husband and father, who, with his wife of 18 years, raised a family of four wonderful children. Mike was also a committed man of faith, who regularly worshipped with his family at St. Hillary's and who lived his faith through mission work to help the poor and less fortunate at home and around the world. Finally, Mike was an engaged citizen, who was actively involved at all levels of our political system. This is a very difficult time for Mike's family, friends and employees and it is respectfully requested that they be left in peace to deal with their loss. There will be no further public comment.