

## *2014 Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award*

### **TY AGOSTA**

Ty Agosta has worked for State Farm Insurance for 19 years and currently operates his own agency in Wood-Ridge, New Jersey. He worked for his father, a State Farm agent for more than 50 years, and opened his own agency in Fairview, New Jersey, in 1995 before moving to his current location.

Mr. Agosta attended Paramus Catholic High School and graduated from Saint Peter's University in Jersey City with a degree in business administration. He earned a degree in religious studies from Felician College and is currently pursuing a master's degree in biblical studies from The Augustine Institute.



Mr. Agosta is a prolific speaker, visiting numerous Catholic parishes in New Jersey and New York. In 1999, he instituted a Catholic Radio talk show, "The Catholic Hour," that was heard throughout New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania – the first of its kind in this area.

His volunteer efforts include serving as lector for 33 years at the Church of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady, Wood-Ridge, and he became the church organist at the age of 11. He co-founded the Youth Ministry in his parish in 1990.

Mr. Agosta has received numerous honors for his outstanding achievements in the insurance field, including Legion of Honor, Inner Circle, President's Club, and the National Sales Achievement Award from the National Association of Life Underwriters.

He holds State Farm's company record for writing the most life insurance applications in a single year, dating back to 1929, and he finished Number One in Life Insurance sales among a field of more than 17,000 agents nation-wide.

He is a member of "Who's Who" in America's Colleges & Universities, and has been a member of Felician College's Alumni Association for 20 years. He is an Alumni Ambassador and Class Agent, and has served periodically as a member of the Felician College Alumni Association Board.

Mr. Agosta enjoys playing the piano, teaching bible study and is an avid reader. He also is a collector of rare, vintage or one-of-a-kind memorabilia. A favorite quote is one of St. Augustine: "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you."