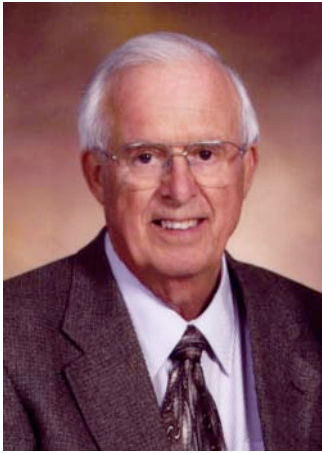


**Michael H. Sketch, Sr. M.D.**  
**Director, Father Flanagan League Society of Devotion**  
**Boys Town National Alumni Association Appointee**



**Professional & Education:**

Michael is enjoying retirement after a distinguished career in academia and medicine. His medical career began after completing an internship and residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in cardiology. He is a founding physician of Creighton University's Cardiology and Cardiac Center. He later became the head of Creighton's Interventional Cardiology program. In 1978, Michael was appointed Director of Creighton University's Cardiac Center, a position he held for 18 years. He was awarded Fellowships in the American College of Medicine and American College of Cardiology. Upon retirement he was awarded the status of Professor Emeritus.

In 1954 he joined the US Army and was trained to shoot down aircraft with the Air Defense Artillery. Michael was stationed in Geinhausen, Germany for 18 months where he ended up serving as a chaplain's assistant. He has Bachelor of Arts degree and graduated with his M.D. from Creighton University.

**Community & Philanthropy:**

Michael has served as president of the Nebraska Heart Association, and as member of both the Board of Governors and of the Board of Trustees of the American College of Cardiology. He is a former board member of Roncalli High School in Omaha.

**Faith & Ministry:**

Michael has served many years as an Extraordinary Minister of The Eucharist. He is a Knight Grand Cross of The Knight of The Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. He has served on the boards of the Omaha Archdiocese Educational Trust, on the Omaha Archdiocese Education Finance Committee, and on the Winnebago Indian Mission Board of Advisors.

**Family & Personal:**

Michael underwent an emergency appendectomy after leaving his tour of duty in the US Army and a week later married the beautiful Nancy Wilcox of Council Bluffs, IA. They have five children.

He was born in Paris, France. His Father was English, a photographer with a studio in Paris and another in Bordeaux. His mother was French. Michael attended English primary and grammar schools (grade and high schools) both of which were boarding schools. After graduating from Chadacre Agricultural College in Suffolk, England, he began an agricultural career managing two farms for a Lord Henniker. However, in 1953 he boarded HMS *Queen Elizabeth* with \$90.00 in his pocket, a Greyhound bus ticket from New York to Omaha, Nebraska and an immigrant visa. Thus it was that I began my American life. For a year, he worked for Charles Everest on a farm six miles east of Council Bluffs where Michael's duties included milking two cows twice daily. During his service in the US Army he became a US citizen.