CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

WE'RE THE GOOD NEWS!

November 2022





"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle" (Father Joseph Champlin & Albert Einstein). We at the Guardian Angel Society are in the business of believing in miracles and invite you to celebrate this very special year with us. To celebrate the miracle of Christmas, the 25th Anniversary of the



Society and this year's 25th annual "Kids with Wings" Christmas card. Every year this beautiful tradition comes alive when we invite all K-6 students at Cathedral Academy at Pompei to draw a picture that depicts what Christmas means to them. This year's card was inspired by the creative talents of 6th grader Elizabeth Vincent. When asked, she said the feelings of family, faith and the fun of celebrating Jesus' birthday were in her heart. This original creation just happened to be of a guardian angel watching over the holy family. Elizabeth had no way of knowing that the first card ever published by the Society was also of an angel and she did not know the Society was celebrating our 25th anniversary. Coincidence or miracle you decide!

Christmas is a time that brings joy and hope to the world. When I think back over the last twenty five years and sincerely ponder all the students' lives that have been forever changed by the gift of education and Father's commitment to form the Guardian Angel Society, it is truly something to rejoice in. Gratitude also fills our hearts, in that carrying on this legacy would not be possible without faithful supporters and donors like you. Thank you sincerely for investing in our students and making the last twenty five years possible. By doing so you are bringing the light and truth the world so greatly needs especially now.

On behalf of all of us at the Guardian Angel Society, we wish you and all those you hold close a beautiful Christmas filled with family, faith and fun. May the blessings of the season and your own kind of miracles be with you now and throughout the new year. God Bless you with love, good health, peace and abundance that only His grace can provide.

Merry Christmas and Happy 2023,

Sarah Jane loele, Executive Director





Christmas List

Father Champlin's

Guardian

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Society

wings for education

To purchase, please call 315.422.7218 or visit GuardianAngelSoc.org. **Proceeds support Father's kids.**

- * \$92.00 Dinner Certificate for the Inn **Between Restaurant**
 - ★ "Kids with Wings" Christmas Cards
 - * Tickets to Guardian Angel **Fundraising Events:**
 - * Christmas with the DeSantis Orchestra December 11, 2022 at 6:00PM
 - * St. Patrick's Day Feast March 12, 2023
 - * Kentucky Derby Gala May 6, 2023 details on back cover
 - ★ Father Champlin's "Spiritual Suggestions" CD
 - **★ Guardian Angel Society Cell Phone Power Charger**
 - ★ Guardian Angel Society Tote Bag









A HUGE SUCCESS!

18TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT 🕹

As we step outside into the brisk Fall air, the Guardian Angel Society is pleased to share one last Summer hurrah! On August 4th at Radisson Greens, 104 golfers gathered on the green for a fun-filled day under the sun, all for a great cause. The 18th annual golf tournament was successful, with over \$20,000 raised directly supporting tuition assistance, mentorship, and tutoring services for Father's kids. Since its creation in 2005, the golf tournament has raised over \$265,000 to help our scholars make it one step closer to destination graduation. Thank you again to our long-time supporters, new friends, and exceptional sponsors and volunteers who made this event a huge success! Save the date for next year -August 10th, 2023.

2022 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN CIRCLE OF FR

Lorna Oppedisano: Board Secretary and Circle of Friends Chairperson

The team and mission at the Guardian Angel Society truly stood out to me. to education. Thanks to organizations like the Guardian Angel Society, more generous support. Please call the office at **315.422.7218** to give today.



the Central New York area. Every story I learned impressed me; the drive for quality education to even more students. With these efforts, not only



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Donations were received between April 1st and October 25th in memory of the individuals listed below. We are grateful to the families and friends who honor their loved ones in such an impactful way.

> Anna Bevacqua Father Champlin's 92nd birthday

> > **Bill Browning**

The Class of 1963- Cathedral

Timothy Coates

Michael D. Cohen

Bishop Thomas Costello

Bob DeGroat

Marilyn Draveck

Marianne Eicholzer

Ted Esterguard

McBride-Bell Families

My Father, John Halliahan

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Marla Hicks Quinn

Suzanne Martin Reagan

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Joseph Rojek

Jeanne McNamara & Maureen Sheedy

Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Spencer

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Catherine Trahan

Philip Trela

Sam & Jen Vercillo

Kerry Anne Young-Allen

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS GROWING!

friend and supporter Paula Detran joined our Board of Directors



Lorna Oppedisano has been named Secretary of our Board of Directors. Technology and runs a small freelance editing and writing business Lorna is honored to support accessible education in Central New



We also would like to thank James Kearns, who has served as our Board Secretary for

OUR BEST YEAR YET!

HAPPY 25TH ANNIVERSARY, **GUARDIAN ANGEL SOCIETY!**



Father Camplin's legacy lives on thanks to all of you, our faithful and loyal supporters. When Father Champlin founded the Society in 1997, no one had any idea how many students' lives would be forever changed by this amazing organization. Over the last twenty-five years, we have had significant accomplishments. We have given over 3 million dollars to hundreds of "Father's Kids." We can boast of having a 100% graduation rate, our junior/senior high schools had an average GPA of 91% this past school year, and our scholars are attending some of the most well-respected colleges in the country, such as Notre Dame, Georgetown, Syracuse University, SUNY, Lemoyne College and many more. None of this would be possible without you, and we are beyond grateful for your support. Thank you all for making our 25th year the best one yet. We are looking forward to twenty-five more!

UPCOMING EVENTS

We are excited to offer some wonderful events this winter to support Father's kids, including Christmas with the DeSantis Orchestra, and a St. Patrick's Day Feast with takeout available. We are also proud to host our 3rd Annual Kentucky Derby Party! Stay tuned on our website and social media pages for further information and save dates!









Bishop Grimes' Mentor Speaker Series Presents:



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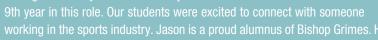
You have the opportunity to have a lasting impact on the lives of children in need, all while leaving a legacy of love you and your family can be most proud of!

To receive more information about Legacy Giving and accompanying legal services (including Wills, Trusts, Beneficiary, Designations, and Outright Gifts), please call our office at 315.422.7218.

STARTING THE YEAR WITH A HOMERUN!

ENTOR & TUTOR PROGR

Our Mentor and Tutor Program started the school chat with students during their lunch periods. professional position, allowing our scholars to learn about a career they possibly didn't even



of professional opportunities within sports organizations. Thank you, Jason, for blessing our students with your time and knowledge and setting up our series for success



