

WE'RE THE GOOD NEWS!

April 2022

A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DEAR FRIENDS:

Are you ready to celebrate? All of us at the Guardian Angel Society are, for 2022 marks the 25th anniversary of our beautiful organization! Father Champlin was a rare, holy, and humble leader who wanted to enrich the lives of children by providing them with a quality education steeped in strong academics and faithful values. He wanted to improve the lives of generations of families by opening wide the doors of education to those it was out of reach for. This entire year, we will celebrate 25 years of Father's dream coming true. Thousands of students' lives have forever been changed by the gift of education, and we are prepared for twenty-five more triumphant years.

Our silver anniversary is going to be a year filled with gratitude for the past, joy for the present, and hope for our future. As we turn this page in history, I want to invite all of you, our loyal supporters, to celebrate with us. Come salute the success of our students and help us honor all who have made this milestone possible. We are thrilled to announce that we are back in person for all events. We welcome you to share a favorite story or memory on our social media pages, and stay tuned for our special Fall Appeal; we are going for \$25K! God bless and thank you to our entire Guardian Angel Society family for being the custodians of Father's precious legacy. There is no greater gift that we can give the world right now than these students, so let's join together in joy and faith and continue to bring light to the world one child at a time.

Gratefully Yours,



Sarah Jane Toele, Executive Director

Celebrating Spring at
THE INN BETWEEN

The Guardian Angel Society is pleased to share that we are continuing our partnership with Chef/Owner, Christopher Cesta of the renowned Inn Between Restaurant in Camillus, New York! Chris has been a vital supporter of the Society for many years and was incredibly close to Father Champlin. He has worked diligently with our team here at the Society to keep Father's memory alive and continue to help Father's kids in whatever way he can. Fourteen years after Father's passing, Chef Cesta still finds the Society to be a sentiment of their connection.

For for the 22nd year in a row, Chef Cesta is offering dinner certificates to the Society's supporters. This year on May 11th, Father would have been 92 years old. To honor his birthday, if you make a \$92 donation, you will receive a \$92 gift certificate to the Inn Between! Giving the gift of education that also helps a small business is such an impactful way to support our Syracuse community. Thank you, Chef Cesta, for your continued support. You are such a cherished friend to the Society, and we are humbled to work with you to keep Father's vision alive!



THE INN BETWEEN CERTIFICATE ORDER FORM

Make checks payable to Guardian Angel Society or provide credit card info below:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Charge my: Visa Mastercard AMEX Discover

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ CVV Code _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Signature _____

- \$225: (2) Dinner Certificates for The Inn Between (value: \$92/each) with a choice of one promotional item* from list below.
- \$150: (1) Dinner Certificate for The Inn Between (\$92 value) with a choice of one promotional item* from list below.
- \$92: (1) Dinner Certificate for The Inn Between (\$92 value)
- \$_____ An additional gift in honor of Father Champlin's 92nd Birthday or other loved ones

If giving dinner certificate(s) as gifts, please indicate recipient name(s):

To: _____ From: _____

- *Promotional Items: (3) packets of "kids with wings" Christmas Cards
- Spiritual Suggestions CD
 - Reusable Tote Bag

SAVE THE DATES!
UPCOMING EVENTS



Signature Event
KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY

Saturday, May 7th, 2022 • 5 - 10 p.m.

Marriott Syracuse Downtown Grand Ballroom

Tickets - \$95 / Tables of 10 - \$950

Ads and Sponsorships Available!



18TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thursday, August 4th, 2022 • Shot Gun: 10 a.m.

Radisson Greens

Captain & Crew format

Includes lunch, dinner, skins, and MORE!

\$125 per golfer / \$500 per foursome

Ask about sponsorship opportunities!

Father Champlin's
Guardian
ANGEL
Society



THE SOCIETY'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Thanks to you, we have
been able to give back for 25 years!

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE
SOCIETY'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY AT OUR
FAMOUS KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY!



WE'RE OFF! The 148th Run for the Roses at Churchill Downs comes to life in Syracuse on May 7th, 2022, in the Grand Ballroom at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown from 5:00-10:00 pm. We had a dazzling time in 2019 dressed in our finest, dancing the night away to the legendary band Atlas and watched the race live. For two long years, we have been unable to celebrate. We are thrilled to announce WE ARE BACK- just in time to celebrate the Society's 25th anniversary!

The event features a savory Derby-themed buffet, whiskey bar, mint juleps, fabulous basket raffles, pick-a-pony, best dressed/hat

contests, and a special hotel rate. A special thank you to our two major sponsors Ed Riley and our friends at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown and 10th Mountain Whiskey and Spirits of Vail, CO, for partnering with us to create a magical night for our guests. This party will be a fantastic platform to share Father's vision with long-time supporters and new attendees, and we are so excited to share his legacy with more of the community. Tickets are on sale now, \$95 per person or \$950 for a table of ten, and can be purchased on our website or by calling the Guardian Angel Office. Act fast- these seats won't last.

A 2022
BLESSING
FROM THE:



Mother Cabrini
HEALTH FOUNDATION

The Society is happy to announce we were awarded a grant from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation beginning in January 2022. In the summer of 2021, the Guardian Angel team submitted a project proposal to the Foundation in hopes of obtaining a grant to underwrite our part-time Program and Development Coordinator position to research our alumni scholars for the last 25 years. By the grace of God, we were awarded the entirety of the project's cost, and we could not be more excited to take on this endeavor!

As the first American saint, Mother Cabrini is a powerful example of Catholic values and principles. Mother Cabrini knew the importance of providing for the most vulnerable as an immigrant herself. The Foundation, established in 2018, is working to build on her legacy of service. Grants are provided each year to organizations in New York working to improve the most underserved populations' overall health, well-being, and quality of life.

The grant project is focused on alumni expansion and truly bringing our mission full-circle. The Society has not been able to track most students after graduation, an intention we have always had, but could not complete. Thankfully, we now have those resources after being awarded such a generous opportunity.

2021 ANNUAL
GIVING CAMPAIGN
CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

We have asked our loyal supporters to consider giving at a level significant to them for over ten years. Since the Society's founding, many of these supporters have committed to the Society, and we could not thrive without their generous support. We are thrilled to say this year that we set a new record again! Nearly \$65,000 was raised for Father's kids, ensuring they will continue to receive essential scholarship support and mentoring and tutoring services to reach their destination graduation. We thank you profusely for giving so generously when our students need it the most! The following contributors were among the supporters of the 2021 campaign, giving \$250 or more at the following levels:

PLATINUM

Anonymous

DIAMOND

Sandra I. Buchanan
Leonard & Shirley Greco
Richard Huftalen
Catherine Kane
Tim & Linda McNeerney
Michael & Michelle Paparo
Ted & Carol Suarez - *In Memory of son David*
S.Suarez 9/11/2001

GOLD/PRIMER

Paul & Ro Brennan
Victor A. DiSerio
Charles & Nancy Genung
Ellen D. Hart - *In Memory of Peter J. Hart Sr.*
John J. Murphy III
Stephen J. Salatti
Karen Tiff
Jeanne Walewski
Dr. Hayes Wanamaker & Dr. Tammy Anthony

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Daniel & Kathleen Mezzalingua
Diane Nowak
Theresa O'Brien
James V. Parenti - *In Memory of Maureen Gridley*
Jacques Wilkinson Jr.

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Donald R. Parks
Michael & Paula Patell
John P. Putano
Wayne & Kathleen Siver
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Class of 1960

BRONZE

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Tom & Pat Okoniewski
Al & Joann Paparo
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Mary Martin Vita '57

MENTORING CHANGES LIVES!

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR SPEAKERS!

Our Mentor Speaker Series at Bishop Grimes has continued to be successful. Mentoring is a true treasure and helps students be exposed to careers they never thought possible. Each month a community leader has presented to the students. The students have been engaged and asked each speaker questions. Here is a little about each speaker from this year below.

KRISTYNA FEOLA *I grew up in Chittenango, NY and have a Master's Degree in Forensic Science from Syracuse University. I am employed by the Madison County Sheriff's Office and was recently promoted to the rank of Deputy Sheriff Sergeant. My husband, Kevin, also works in law enforcement as a K-9 handler and we have a 4 month old son named Cameron.*

MATTHEW FOX *I grew up in Syracuse and have a Bachelor's Degree in Business from St. John Fisher College. I am currently the Talent Acquisition Manager at Terakeet, an Enterprise Search Engine Optimization company, headquartered in Syracuse. My wife is a kindergarten teacher at Jordan-Elbridge and we have a 3 year old daughter and 2 year old son.*

PAULA DETRAN *I was born in Connecticut. I am a proud alumna of Bishop Grimes. I've worked in the hotel industry for 16 years and 4 years in the travel industry-both in Sales and Account Management. I am the Director of Sales at Embassy by Hilton Syracuse. I have two children, Courtney, a bank branch manager and Michael who is attending law school. My partner Rich and I have been together for 15 years.*

A LUCKY START TO MARCH!



On March 13th, the Guardian Angel Society brought another fabulous feast to CNY with our 6th annual St. Patrick's Day dinner, led by our fantastic board member Terry Wynne! Offered again in a take-out/delivery format, we are thrilled to say this feast was a dashing success! Delicious meals filled hungry supporters during this chilly winter season. 50 meals were donated to those in need and \$3,500 has been earned, which will directly support tuition aid, mentoring, and tutoring services for Father's kids! A huge thank you to Terry for leading this event year after year and continuing to make it a success! A special thanks to all of our generous sponsors and Chef Karol Wright for her fantastic catering. Thank you, Karol, Bob, & Krista for keeping our tradition alive!

MEMORIAL GIFTS

The Guardian Angel Society received donations in memory of the following individuals between November 1-April 1. We are grateful to the family and friends who honor their loved ones, and in turn, help make an impact on those in need.

Harry Barber
 Dr. Marie Barry
 John Bateman-Ferry
 Ina & James Bell
 Russell Burke
 Anne Byrne
 Father Joseph Champlin

Peg Clark
 James & Margaret Cunningham
 Ron Daino
 Dobe Family
 Marie Herscha Esposito
 Ted Esterguard
 Joseph P. Fragnito
 Margaret & David Gail
 Paul Gaffney
 Hank Gellert
 Tom Geiss
 Michael Grassi
 Lawrence J. Hackett
 Francis A. Ioele
 David Keen
 Joseph Kinney
 Emily & Joseph Kotula
 Peter & Virginia LaBarbera
 Renato Macor
 Gloria Chini Martino
 Dr. Joseph Mautz
 Eleanor McCarthy, Class of '47

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 John & Nellie Miller
 Helen Murray
 James G. Orioli
 Mary & Raymond Pawelec, Sr.
 George and Georgia Peluso
 Mary Petrocci
 Marilyn O'Connor Pirkle
 Charlene Pisarek
 Zita & Edwin Priddle
 Marla Hicks Quinn
 Jack & Deanna Rezak
 Mackenzie Ruston
 Msgr. William J. Shannon
 Maureen Sheedy
 Gary Storrier
 Theresa Towers
 Mary Jane Train
 Michael A. Trivison
 T. Brendan Whelan
 Elizabeth White
 Elizabeth Bazydlo Wilkenson

LEAVE A LEGACY OF LOVE LEGACY GIVING

You have an opportunity to directly impact the lives of children in need and leave a legacy of love that you and your family can be most proud of. Legacy Guild seeks members who will name Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society as a beneficiary of their estate. The Guild has made arrangements for legal services to be provided at no charge for those who are interested in making Guardian Angel Society part of their final wishes and would like assistance with the process.

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**.

HELP US WELCOME A NEW ANGEL!

After several months of searching, the Society was honored to be connected with Jill Leo, who accepted the position of Development and Program Coordinator this December. Over the past few months, Jill's big heart and dedication to helping others has proven to be the perfect fit for our team! Jill is a Syracuse native and a graduate of Syracuse University with a B.S. degree in Advertising. She has extensive background in media relations, sales, marketing and advertising, with expertise that has really heightened our efforts to support Father's kids. Jill is passionate about our mission, and looks forward to continuing to grow with the Society!



Jill Leo

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Kathy Fedrizzi
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