

Father Champlin's
Guardian **ANGEL** Society
wings for education

WE'RE THE GOOD NEWS!

April 2023



SPRING NEWSLETTER

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! 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 continues to help Father's kids in whatever way he can. Fifteen years after Father's passing, Chef Cesta still finds the Society to be a sentiment of their connection.

We are pleased to share that for the 23rd year in a row, Chef Cesta is offering dinner certificates to the Society's supporters. This year on May 11th, Father would have been 93 years old. To honor his birthday, if you make a \$93 donation, you will receive a \$93 gift certificate to the Inn Between! Giving the gift of education that also helps a local business is 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!



A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR SPEAKERS MENTORING CHANGES LIVES!

Our Mentor Speaker Series continues to be a hit. Community leaders have presented their life journeys to their professional careers each month with Guardian Angel scholars at Bishop Grimes. The students were engaged and asked questions. This program is a true gift and helps our students with their studies and exposure to new career paths. On behalf of the scholars and the Guardian Angel Society, we want to thank **Chief Fred Isgar, Dr. Max Greenkey, and Terri E. Krueger** for generously sharing your time and talent with our future leaders!

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: \$93/each) with a choice of one promotional item* from list below.

☐ \$150: (1) Dinner Certificate for The Inn Between (\$93 value) with a choice of one promotional item* from list below.

☐ \$93: (1) Dinner Certificate for The Inn Between (\$93 value)

☐ \$_____ An additional gift in honor of Father Champlin's 93rd 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

☐ Reusable Tote Bag

SAVE THE DATES! UPCOMING EVENTS



Signature Event KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY

Saturday, May 6th, 2023

5:00 - 10:00pm

Marriot Syracuse Downtown
Grand Ballroom

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

Ads and Sponsorships Available!



19TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thursday, August 10th, 2023

Shot Gun: 10:00am

Radisson Greens

Captain & Crew format

Includes lunch, skins, and MORE!

Ask about sponsorship opportunities!

LET'S RUN FOR THE ROSES!



We're off!

We're off! The 149th running of the roses at Churchill Downs comes to life in Syracuse on May 6th, 2023, at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown Grand Ballroom from 5:00-10:00pm. Last year we had a wonderful time dressed in our best, dancing the night away to the legendary band Atlas and watch the race live. We are thrilled to be back for the 3rd time with this exciting event!



The event features a savory Derby-themed buffet, whiskey bar, mint juleps, fabulous basket raffles, pick-a-pony, and best-dressed/hat contests. A special thank you to Ed Riley and our friends at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown and 10th Mountain Whiskey & 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- last year was a sell-out, so these seats won't last.

A LUCKY START TO MARCH!

On March 12th, the Guardian Angel Society held our 7th annual St. Patrick's Day dinner, led by our board member Terry Wynne! We were back in person at Cathedral Academy at Pompei's cafeteria. We are thrilled to say this dinner was a success! Delicious meals filled hungry supporters during this chilly winter season. Fifty meals were donated to those in need, and over \$4,000 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 our generous sponsors and Chef Bob Haahr and his wife Liz for catering the event. Thank you, to all for keeping our tradition alive!

2022 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 that we set a new record again this year! Nearly \$75,000 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 for giving generously when our students need it most! The following contributors were among the supporters of the 2022 campaign, giving \$250 or more at the following levels:

- AMINIUM** Anonymous
Caroline T. Eastment, PH.D. M.D.
Richard Huftalen
Anne & Larry Ryan
- PLATINUM** Sandra Buchanan - *In Memory of Father Champlin*
A Friend
Len & Shirley Greco
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- GOLD PREMIER** Paul & Ro Brennan
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Former Cathedral Altar Server, '62-'66
Arlene J. Hayes
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GRATEFUL FOR HER SERVICE:

DEAR FRIENDS,

In the words of Father Champlin, I have always loved spring. The days are longer and the weather is warmer. The trees sprout beautiful leaves, and the birds are chirping. The darkness of winter yields to the life of spring, and a time of renewal begins. When I began to write this letter and randomly opened to one of Father's spiritual suggestions which I often do, I landed on a page in which he reflected on spring's spiritual lesson of embracing new beginnings -- wisdom that only he could pen in the perfect way at the perfect time. In this spirit, with a thankful heart, I share the news that I will be leaving the Guardian Angel Society as Executive Director to embark on a compelling new chapter of my own.

It has been my privilege to serve Father Champlin and the mission of the Society for over twenty years both on the Board of Directors and as a staff member. It has been one of the greatest joys of my life. I am grateful for all the children's lives we have transformed together through education and for all the amazing people I have worked with along the way.

I am a true believer that when God summons our steps we are all blessed! The Society is poised for even greater success in the future. Our students are thriving, our campaigns flourishing, our dedicated Board and staff are ready to carry on and our fun filled events are back for all of you to enjoy. I look forward to faithfully continuing to support the Society as we embrace new beginnings. God bless you and thank you.

Gratefully Yours,

Sarah Jane Ioele





HAPPY RETIREMENT TO OUR FRIEND BILL CRIST Superintendent of Catholic Schools

The Guardian Angel Society wanted to congratulate William Crist on his upcoming retirement. We have been honored to work alongside you for the past several years. Thank you for all you have done for Father's mission and always being a warm and welcoming face at our events. We look forward to continuing to see you at the annual golf tournament and your impeccable socks at the Derby event. Enjoy your next chapter, and we wish you the very best!

LEAVE A LEGACY OF LOVE LEGACY GIVING

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. We personally are grateful for a recent legacy donation of \$10,000 on behalf of Sharon Nowak's estate, a continuous supporter for years. Since her passing, her legacy gift continues to help Father's Kids.

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**.

CONSIDER DESIGNATING TO GUARDIAN ANGEL SOCIETY

BILL ROSBROOK MEMORIAL

This year, our Guardian Angel community lost a great source of light and love. Bill was a wonderful friend of the Society for over 20 years, serving as one of our very first mentors. Year after year, Bill loved participating in our Christmas campaign and eating a delicious meal at the Inn-Between Restaurant courtesy of our Memorial Day Race partnership with Chris Cesta. Bill's presence in the community shined bright and emitted joy to everyone around him. Bill practiced law in Syracuse for 50 years. He advocated for the "underdog" working as a family attorney. The Guardian Angel Society is so thankful to have known Bill and share many fond memories with him. **We will forever cherish his commitment to the Society and to the family for designating the Guardian Angel Society.**

REMEMBERING YOUR LOVED ONES

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.

Kerry Anne Young-Allen	Daniel L. Dombrowski	Bernie Mahoney
Harry C. Barber	Tom Dugan	Sharon C. Nowak
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<i>Class of '59</i>	Leo & Ida Greco	Frank Sgarlata
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