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Guardian **ANGEL** Society
wings for education

REJOICE AND BE HAPPY

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Dear Friends of Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society,

I am very pleased to enclose a packet of our 16th Annual "Kids with Wings" Christmas cards. This is our special way of saying "thank you" for the support you have given Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society. It is because of you that hundreds of children in our community have been given a chance for success and make a quality education a priority. This year's card has been created with the artwork of 4th graders Rosalie Dewh and Katrina Huynh, and with Katrina's special message of "Rejoice and Be Happy".



The student population at the elementary school that the Society supports, Cathedral Academy at Pompei, has 121 students this school year. Of that 121, the Society is supporting 78 of those students or 65%. The demographic breakdown is as follows: Sudanese 38%, African American 24%, Asian 19%, Caucasian 13%, Hispanic 6%. As you can see, a very diverse group of children make up the population of this model urban elementary Catholic school. The Society will follow these children to Catholic high school graduation by supporting them financially and with mentor/tutor support.

On behalf of the Guardian Angel Society, its Board of Directors and Trustees, I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas filled with time to "rejoice and be happy" as you come together this holiday season.

Gratefully yours,

Kathy Fedrizzi

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Executive Director

P.S. – If you wish to purchase additional packets of this year's card or previous Christmas card designs, please call the office or visit our website at www.guardianangel soc.org. Each packet of six cards and matching envelopes are available for only \$3.00.



Stocking Stuffer and Gift Ideas

Sweet Cabaret tickets
Hubs Peanuts
(Virginia's Gourmet – 20 oz. can),
a Father Champlin tradition

Guardian Angel Society 12-pack cooler
Father Champlin Books –
Slow Down and Take Five
Additional packs of Christmas cards

Featured student... Alek Aman

Alek Aman was born in South Sudan. The horrific war there led her family to Egypt in the hopes of escaping the suffering. In 2004, when she was seven years old, her father brought the family to the United States to find a better life.

Alek spent one year in public school but the transition was very difficult as her language skills were poor which made it feel impossible to learn anything.

Desperate to reduce the frustration of his children and to ensure they receive a quality education, Alek's father searched for a better educational option. He learned of Cathedral Academy at Pompei (CAP) and Sister Joana Baidoo from St. Vincent dePaul Church Refugee Ministry. The tuition was more than the family could afford but the Aman family was assured that help was available. "The Guardian Angel Society was very generous with tuition assistance during my time at CAP," says Alek. "CAP was a very good environment for learning. My teachers were very helpful, and my English improved. The teachers made learning interesting, and so today, my best subjects are math, science and English."

Another important thing Alek learned at CAP was how to pray. Alek continues, "Father Champlin visited often, and spent time in our classes. The Guardian Angel Society also provided mentors."

Alek chose to continue her education with Guardian Angel Society assistance at Bishop Ludden Junior/Senior High School where she is now a sophomore.

This little girl who was barely able to speak English well enough to follow along, worked with her teachers and supporters like the Guardian Angel Society. By the time she was in 8th grade, she was receiving high academic honors. She received high honors again in 9th grade but this time, her award included the highest honors for math.

Her goal after high school is to attend college and then medical school to study endocrinology to find a cure for Type 1 diabetes.

At this time, the Guardian Angel Society is also helping four of her siblings to receive a quality education at CAP and Bishop Ludden.

Alek says, "We are grateful for this help so that we can learn and prepare ourselves to do good things for others. Thank you Guardian Angel Society for all you have done to help my family receive a quality, Christian education."

Mentor/Tutor News

Catherine S. Ranieri, Educational Program Coordinator

New in December, Guardian Angel Society will offer an after school program one day a week at CAP to provide English as a Second Language (ESL) help through themed Literacy activities integrated with Visual Arts and Music. We are grateful to the Jim and Juli Boeheim Foundation for awarding the Guardian Angel Society the funding for this program.

Thinking about mentoring or tutoring?

Join the 23 current mentors and tutors who typically spend an hour a week changing the lives of kids in need. For more information about the Mentor/Tutor Program, call Catherine Ranieri at the Guardian Angel Society office.

Applebee's (Camillus) Pancake Breakfast

On Sunday, September 22nd, friends of the Guardian Angel Society came together for a pancake breakfast. Many volunteers, board members (including Jim Kearns in picture to right), and some Guardian Angel scholars, served over 100 supporters. This mini FUNdraiser reaped over \$1,300 for the Society and was enjoyed by all!



2014 Sweet Cabaret Honorary Chair Couple, John & Cil Sindoni are introduced to Alek Aman by Catherine S. Ranieri, Educational Program Coordinator

Sweet CABARET

13th Anniversary
DINING ♥ DANCING ♥ DESSERTS

Honorary Chair Couple
John & Cil Sindoni

Saturday ♥ February 8, 2014
7-11:30 p.m. ♥ Oncenter Ballroom

A very special thank you to Dave Thompson who shared his time and talent with the Society's board of directors. The Society is grateful for his service.

2013 Circle of Friends Campaign

This annual campaign launched in September and will continue until December 31st. Circle of Friends supports the overall efforts of the Society. Kevin O'Connor, 2013 Campaign Chair, appeals to you to prayerfully consider giving a child a brighter future by expanding your annual giving.

Memorial Gifts

(donations received August 1-October 31, 2013 in memory of)

Sharon Catalino
Father Joseph Champlin
John & Barbara Cico
James & Ethel Costello

Sherry Anne Falcone
John Kenny Sr.
Don Lawler
Susan Mayer

The 7th annual

Christmas at the palace

with the

DeSantis ORCHESTRA

Sunday
December 15, 2013 5:00 PM
Palace Theater James Street

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Fr. Champlin's Guardian Angel Society