



Father Joseph M. Champlin
Founder of the Guardian Angel Society
1930-2008

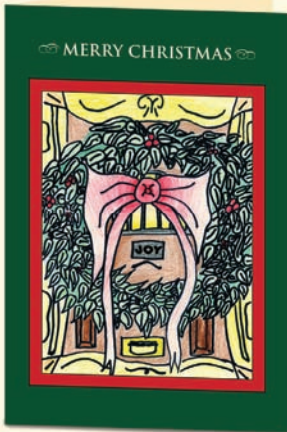
Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society

NOVEMBER 2011

☪ MERRY CHRISTMAS ☪

Dear Friends of Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society,

I am very pleased to enclose a packet of our 14th Annual **"Kids with Wings"** Christmas cards. This is our way of saying "thank you" for all your support of Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society. You have helped us give hundreds of children in our community a chance for success by making a quality education a priority. An example of this that recently touched me is a letter I received from one of our first Guardian Angel scholar recipients, Lawrence Denson, that I thought I would share with you on the back of this newsletter.



Once again, this year's card was designed by Phu Thai, now a 6th grade student at Cathedral Academy at Pompei. Phu's artistic talents are prominently displayed on the cover of this year's holiday card centering on the "joy" of Christmas. Father Daniel Caruso, the new pastor at Our Lady of Pompei Church offered this year's inside message focusing on love and all our blessings. It is our hope and prayer that when you send these six cards to relatives, friends or colleagues, they share this same feeling of happiness and thankfulness during this Christmas season.

May you have a joyful holiday season with family and friends and please remember the special person who touched so many of us, Father Joseph Champlin.

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 the website at www.guardianangelsocietysyr.org. They are available for only \$3.00 per packet.

Continuing Father Champlin's legacy of giving a brighter future to children in need.

CELEBRATING **15** YEARS 1997-2012

ANNIVERSARY RAFFLE

The Guardian Angel Society will be giving away three great prizes to start the celebration of its 15th anniversary.

Tickets are \$20 each and the winner will be drawn on February 11th at the Swinging Sweet Cabaret event. Winners need not be present to win. To get your ticket(s), please call 422-2718 or mail your check payable to Guardian Angel Society and earmark "15th Anniv. Raffle".

1st PRIZE VALUE \$3,500

ONE-WEEK VACATION CAPE COD

Accommodations in a beachfront condo with a private beach on the Nantucket Sound

2nd PRIZE VALUE \$630

iPad2

Package includes 16 GB with Wi-Fi capabilities, smart cover and OtterBox defender case

3rd PRIZE VALUE \$500

CASH

Package includes... \$500 cash!

United Way Campaign

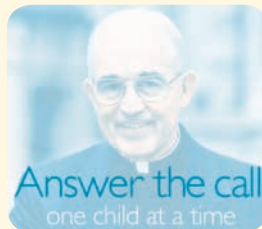
The Guardian Angel Society is an officially approved United Way recipient. Please consider allocating your "total" gift to Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society, an eligible organization of the United Way. Each donor must complete the Special Request form designating Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society the following way:

Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society
259 E. Onondaga Street
Syracuse, NY 13202

For Federal Government Employees — The Guardian Angel Society is an approved agency with the **Combined Federal Campaign**. Please use the following Code when completing your pledge form: **85629**.

Matching Gift Program

A Matching Gift program continues to be a popular way to give and make the most impact from your donation. Many companies offer matching gift programs to encourage employees to contribute to charitable organizations. Most of these programs match dollar for dollar, and some will even triple the amount of your gift! Here are just a few that have recently supported the Guardian Angel Society — National Grid, General Electric, Meredith Corp. and Goldman, Sachs & Co. Check with your employer and see if they offer this wonderful incentive.



GUARDIAN ANGEL SOCIETY LAUNCHES 2011 "Circle of Friends" Campaign

From Board Member – Joan Dadey, 2011 Chair

The 2011 "Circle of Friends," an annual giving campaign established last year, was launched in September targeting a number of Guardian Angel Society supporters to assist with the overall mission of the Guardian Angel Society. This campaign will continue through December 31, 2011.

Many of you have received this request. We encourage you to consider this in your year-end giving. This donation is 100% tax deductible.

Memorial Gifts

(donations received August 1–October 31, 2011)

Helen Kerrigan Ballway	The Priddle Family
Harry E. Barber	Anthony Ranieri
The Brady Family	Deborah J. Scherrer,
The Burke Family	Cathedral Class of 1951
Margaret Clary	Carmen Scuderi
Sister Cecilia Connelly, DC	St. Patrick's Class of 1953
Eileen Ryan Dietrich	Deceased Members
Frank R. Garcia	Dr. Stewart Thompson**
Cathy Hannon	The Wall Family
Ida Idank	Judge & Mrs. George H.
Nancy (Kline) Krug**	Vinette
Peter & Loretta LaBarbera	**The family recently
Pearl & Ernest LeBel	designated contributions
John J. "Mac" McDonald	to honor their loved one.
Jeanne McNamara**	Our sincere apologies for
Richard J. Murphy	inadvertently omitting
Sister Agnes Poole, DC	Loretta LaBarbera from
	our fall newsletter.



Monte Carlo Results

Over 200 people made a sure bet on a great night out! At the time of this writing, we are still tallying

the results but the feedback so far is that the evening was a hit from start to finish! Our many thanks to Straight Flush Sponsors: Cooney Air Conditioning & Heating and Crucible Industries. We are also very grateful to our many game table sponsors and other supporters who helped make this event so memorable for the numerous attendees that were new to Father's mission. Those folks quickly learned that when it benefits Father's kids, you can't go broke! Check out our Facebook page (Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society) to see some great photos of Monte Carlo Night participants in action!



(L-R) David Elacqua, Matthews Casket Division, Samuel Buranich III, Kathy Fedrizzi, Executive Director of the Guardian Angel Society and Catherine Ranieri, Board Member & Chair of Grants and Foundations

York Children's Foundation Grant

A \$750 check was presented to the Guardian Angel Society to be used specifically for a family with extreme hardship circumstances which will allow their child to have a better chance in life and the opportunity succeed. The Guardian Angel Society would like to thank to Buranich Funeral Home in Camillus for nominating our organization for this worthy grant.



GUARDIAN ANGEL SOCIETY AWARDED \$7,500 from First Niagara Bank's "Mentoring Matters" Program

Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society received notification from First Niagara that the Society was selected as a grant recipient of the Mentoring Matters program. Mentoring Matters is First Niagara's charitable giving program that provides critical funding and volunteer support for mentoring efforts in Central New York and throughout Upstate New York. "This funding will allow the Guardian Angel Society to expand its mentor program to the junior/senior high school and has been named 'Building a Path to Success for Father Champlin's Kids,'" Kathy Fedrizzi mentioned.

The Society's experiences prove mentoring makes a tremendous impact on the academic, social, emotional, and professional future of our youngsters. Catherine Ranieri, Guardian Angel Society Chair of Grants & Foundations and Board Member explained, "This grant will allow for expansion of our mentoring model beginning in 2012 as well as tutorial assistance for students at a very crucial time in their lives. We wish to build that path to success, so our students can gain confidence, graduate from high school, become productive citizens and return as mentors for other students."

David Kavney, Central New York Market Executive, speaks of First Niagara's selection of the Guardian Angel Society's Mentoring Matters award. "As we reviewed the request and talked with First Niagara employee Jaime Tuozzolo, who serves as a mentor with the Guardian Angel Society, we were collectively impressed with the mission and long-term success of the organization. The ability and desire to mentor youth from diverse cultural, religious and economic backgrounds has resulted in many success stories with students continuing their education at fine colleges and universities and we wanted to play a role in supporting the future success of the program."

The Society plans to launch the implementation of this mentoring program the beginning of 2012 which is fitting as it will coincide with the Guardian Angel Society's 15th anniversary. At that time, the Society will be seeking volunteer mentors. If you are interested in getting involved with this worthy program, please contact the Guardian Angel Society's office at 422-7218.

Opportunities To Donate Your Time & Talent

MENTOR STUDENTS

EVENT COMMITTEES

OFFICE ASSISTANCE

SPECIAL PROJECTS



REFLECTION

As the holidays approach, I cannot help but reflect on how it took just one organization believing in a child's desire to be better to change my life. I have no embarrassment when discussing my life story. I come from a single parent home where my father worked one, sometimes two jobs in order to provide the bare necessities for me and my younger sister. We did not possess a lot of material things, but we always had hope and, sometimes, hope is all a family needs. Hope answers prayers. Hope helps a family understand that it only takes one sacrificial generation so that a family legacy can be forever changed.

This Christmas, with the economic climate that surrounds us, you have an opportunity to be the catalyst that is lacking in society and a beacon of light for families who feel forgotten. It is my hope that my story gives you a moral awareness that the very things we take for granted as everyday life are actually considered a luxury to other families. I hope you dig deep in your heart and find that humane feeling we all get from helping others in need. True abundance comes from giving back in whatever way possible. I am living proof of that.

Thank you,
Lawrence Denson

Cathedral School, class of 1997; Christian Brothers Academy, class of 2004;
University of Notre Dame, class of 2008

Guardian Angel Society Office Moves to New Location

It has been said that what goes around, comes around. That is certainly true when it comes to the new office space that Guardian Angel Society will begin occupying by mid-November. Our new space will be in the original Cathedral School building on the corners of Montgomery and Madison Streets. Coincidentally, the original Guardian Angel Society office was housed in a tiny space in the basement of this same building until 2006. When you are downtown, stop by and see our bright, new office on the second floor of the old school house.

Price Chopper's "Tools for Schools Program" Requires Re-Enrollment

To ensure that shoppers are correctly registered, Price Chopper is requiring everyone to re-enroll. If you registered before August 1, 2010 please visit www2.pricechopper.com and designate Cathedral Academy at Pompei to receive Tools For Schools credit.

11th Anniversary *Swinging* Sweet Cabaret



Saturday, February 11, 2012

EXCITING NEW VENUE:

Please join us at **Temple Adath Yeshurun** for this signature event!

The Guardian Angel Society's relationship with Temple Adath Yeshurun dates back quite a while as Father Champlin, long-time friend of Rabbi Sherman, was recognized by the Temple Adath Yeshurun community as a "Citizen of the Year" honoree in 2006. We are thrilled to bring the Cabaret event to the Temple's **beautiful ballroom** complete with a full stage to house the Mario DeSantis Orchestra, **two massive dance floors** to accommodate all the enthusiastic dancers who attend and **incredible banquet facilities** to support Christine's Catering who will be preparing the **dining delicacies**.

Come join us as we celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Guardian Angel Society and the multitudes of success the Society has enjoyed over the years.



A musical holiday celebration! Sunday, December 18th, 2011 at 5:00PM

The Palace Theater

Featuring
Keith Condon,
Maria DeSantis
and Very Special Guests!

Part of proceeds benefit
Fr. Champlin's Guardian
Angel Society

CHRISTMAS
at the **PALACE**
with the
DeSantis Orchestra

Treat the whole family!

Tickets \$20.00 • Call 315-488-7611 or email info@desantisorchestra.com

GUARDIAN ANGEL SOCIETY SYRACUSE CRUNCH NIGHT



Friday, January 20th • 7:30 pm

Come join us at our Syracuse Crunch night and see the CAP students sing the National Anthem.

Tickets are available at the Guardian Angel Society office and the Cathedral Academy at Pompei for a discounted rate of \$12.00. Checks should be made payable to the Syracuse Crunch Hockey Club.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Society.

