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A SALUTE TO BISHOP THOMAS J. WELSH

The Trinity Academy Faith Community prayerfully mourns the death of a very good friend, the Most Rev. Thomas J. Welsh who died on February 19, 2009. Bishop Welsh was truly a devoted servant of the Church, our Diocese and Catholic Education. He will be missed greatly by everyone who had the privilege and pleasure of being in his company. He was laid to rest in his hometown of Weatherly, PA on February 28, 2009 after a beautiful farewell Mass celebrated in the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Sienna, Allentown, his home parish during his tenure as Bishop of our diocese from 1983 to 1998.

There were so many fine accomplishments that will forever accent his legacy as Bishop. A few of them include: establishing the first Youth Ministry Office in the diocese; establishing a diocesan "Stand Up for Life" campaign that would heighten pro-life efforts among the faithful; serving as the founding president of the board of the Catholic Home Study Institute; and raising \$13 million in an endowment campaign for diocesan schools and other educational efforts. Even after his official retirement, Bishop Welsh thoroughly enjoyed spending time with the people of his diocese at various functions, especially with the children when he officiated at their Confirmation ceremonies.

Bishop Welsh was a frequent visitor to Shenandoah as he helped champion the cause for the canonization of Father Walter Cizek as a saint. In fact, he served in the position of President of the FWC Prayer League Board, a post he held until his death. During those visits he always made it a point to stop in to see the children of the former Father Walter Cizek School and today's Trinity Academy. Principal, Sr. Mary Ann Spaetti, IHM, fondly remembers her good friend as a spiritual man who enjoyed living life vibrantly and simply. She remembers how honored he felt to preside over the first Grade 8 Graduation Liturgy at Trinity Academy in June 2008. She also recounts seeing the happy expressions on the children's faces as the Bishop proudly carried his own tray through the lunch line when he came for Father Cizek's Mass each year.

Bishop Welsh, You Will Be Missed ... May You Rest In Peace. Amen!

TRINITY ACADEMY SCHOOL WEBSITE ... A GREAT INFO SOURCE

Trinity Academy is very thankful to the webmasters of Schuyl, Inc. (Mr. Mark Fanelli, President and CB 1974 alum) for designing, maintaining and hosting our school's very family friendly website www.trinitymatters.com. We encourage all of our friends, alumni, and especially potential new families for the 2009-2010 school year to check out the testimonials about a Trinity Academy Catholic Education. Our school proudly serves families of all faiths in northern Schuylkill County, and we are excited about providing them with over \$35,000.00 in Tuition Aid next school year!

2009 ANNUAL APPEAL REQUEST



May 2009

Dear Catholic School Alumni & Friends,

As our 2008-09 school year at Trinity Academy has unfolded, we have taken great pride in the successes and accomplishments of all of our children and families who have played important roles in the demonstration of our ongoing belief in the value of Catholic Education. We have truly been blessed by a number of caring and supportive Alumni and Friends whose financial help we have enlisted during the "Leadership Phase" of our Second Annual Appeal. Their response has been simply outstanding; as over \$16,000.00 in Gifts and Pledges have been received thus far, with other donations likely to follow.

Trinity Academy is indeed proud of exemplifying our motto "*Where Faith and Family Meet*" on a daily basis. Our school is a Christ-centered quality learning environment where each child has the wonderful opportunity to flourish spiritually, academically, socially and physically. During a time when the future of our schools is constantly being questioned, our faith-filled "Coal-Region Catholics" take a strong stand. Our loving and supportive families join with our Administration, Faculty, Staff and Clergy to make any necessary sacrifices in order to help preserve and perpetuate for our children the tradition and heritage of Catholic Education in northern Schuylkill County.

So Trinity Academy today, as the remaining successor to all of our beloved catholic elementary schools which once existed in the towns of Ashland, Frackville, Girardville and Shenandoah, continues to put forth a very energetic and hopeful message. We proclaim that the faith of our Church will not only survive, but it will prosper through the children entrusted to our care. Trinity Academy promises that in the midst of a rapidly changing and challenging society, our school will continue to provide all of our communities' children with not only a high quality education, but one that will always promote a life centered in the Catholic faith.

Are you willing to step forward for them??? Please prayerfully consider donating a Gift to our 2009 Annual Appeal. *Our campaign is again committing 50% of all donations toward tuition aid for families in need, and the remaining 50% toward Trinity's ongoing educational needs.* We assure you that each and every Gift, large or small, does make a difference and will be greatly appreciated by all of our children whose lives you will touch. Thank you in advance for your belief in and support of Catholic Education!

May God bless you abundantly for your kindness,

Sister Mary Ann Spaetti, IHM

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Principal

Jim Dixon

Mr. James Dixon, Appeal Chair
Trinity Academy (formerly Annunciation
Elementary) & Cardinal Brennan Alumnus

MY 2009 TRINITY ACADEMY ANNUAL APPEAL GIFT

(Please cut and return Gift Form to Mike Nieddu, Development Office ... Thank You!)

Donor Name: _____ **High School + Grad. Yr.** _____
Address: _____ **Elem. School + Grad. Yr.** _____
_____ **E-Mail:** _____
_____ **Phone #:** _____
GIFT AMOUNT \$ _____ **Date:** _____ **Check #:** _____

(All Checks made Payable to **Trinity Academy** and mailed to 233 W. Cherry St. Shenandoah, PA 17976)

IN MEMORIAM

The following obituaries have been reported to our Trinity Development Office. Our School Community extends condolences and prayers to the families of:

Mary T. (Meers) Rowan	SCHS '38
Danny Creedon	SCHS '49
Francis Dennis Dillman	SCHS '66
Gloria R. (Tinari) Chiaretti	SJG '41
Margaret (Eagan) Weikel	SJA '40
Sr. Marian B. Monahan, IHM	SJA '44
Joan (Bohanna) Kelly	SJA '48
Dorothy A. (Grady) Gushen	SJA '51
Kathryn (Brown) Spanier	SJA '57
Madeleine T. (Koury) Galgay	IHA '38
Regina Magdelyn (Troy) Gibley	IHA '54
Stephen J. Gavala	IHHS '60
James J. Magdeburg, Sr.	IHHS '67
Thomas P. O'Connor	IHHS '67
Judith Ann Brosius	CB '69
Joseph T. O'Boyle	CB '70
Joan L. Ferugio	Special Friend
F. George Kenney	Special Friend

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN!



DEVELOPMENT OFFICE NOTE

Greetings Everyone! My prayer today for you and your family is that you are experiencing good health and a renewed spirit in this Spring season. I also take this opportunity to offer my special thanks to all of our Catholic School Alumni and Community Friends who have been so generous thus far to our Second Annual Appeal. The personal request made by our Principal, Sr. Mary Ann Spaetti, IHM, and Alumni Chair Jim Dixon during the campaign's "Leadership Phase" resulted in Gifts and Pledges totaling over \$16,000.00. How encouraged we are at Trinity as we now begin the "General Phase" of our Appeal!!!

So, I respectfully ask all Alumni and Friends receiving my communication to prayerfully consider joining our donor ranks today. I can assure you that all of our Trinity Academy "Coal-Region" families whose daily sacrifices make it possible to enroll their children in Catholic School will greatly appreciate any size Gift you are willing to donate. May God bless you all abundantly for helping our great school to fulfill its mission "To Teach As Jesus Did!"

MJN

Mike Nieddu, Director of Development

BUSINESSES - KEEP YOUR TAX DOLLARS IN NORTHERN SCHUYLKILL COUNTY

Thank You to Businesses who have provided **\$17,000.00** in tuition aid for 2009-2010 to Trinity Academy students through a State Tax Credit Program! We pray that other C and S Corporations eligible to participate will consider a future contribution to the **Eastern Pennsylvania Scholarship Foundation**, and thereby receive up to a 90% tax credit through **PA's Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program**. To find out how to get involved in this "Win-Win Situation," contact Trinity at 570-462-3927, or the Allentown Diocese EPSF help line at 610-871-5200, Ext. 244. ***You Can Make A Difference Today!!***

Class Notes

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Classes from Cardinal Brennan, Immaculate Heart, St. Joseph or Shenandoah Catholic planning Reunions? Kindly notify the Trinity Academy Development Office so we can pass it on to any interested parties.

Special Kudos to our SCHS, Class of 1949, who will be celebrating their 60th graduation Anniversary this year. Plans are being finalized for an August 4 and 5, 2009 Reunion. So class members are encouraged to call Pat at (717) 763-4599 or Isy @ (570) 889-3952 for details.

First Alumni Appeal Update

The Trinity Development Office is very pleased to report that the final "Grand Total" for our First Appeal for the 2007-08 school year amounted to

\$18,744.00

Since our Fall Newsletter Appeal Report our school received additional Gifts of \$1,000.00 and Above from the Mary Malone Trust Fund (M & T Bank) and Joseph (IHHS '60) & Rose Chiaretti of Girardville.

God Bless Them and All of Our Campaign Donors!!!

Do You Remember?

May 25, 1996 ... The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary officially had their departure from Cardinal Brennan recognized in a beautiful tribute at the Fountain Springs Campus. The Most Rev. Thomas J. Welsh was present to rededicate the Grotto of the Blessed Mother in their Honor!!!

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Please support our 2009 Appeal
and return your Gift Form today.
Thank You All for Caring!!!

— TRINITY PRIDE —

Trinity Academy proudly carries the "Catholic School Alum Torch of Excellence" through accomplishments of our young people. New Highlights include:

Mackenzie McAndrew (Kindergarten) for her Diocesan First Place Winning Entry in the annual Coloring Contest. FYI ... Mackenzie is the daughter of Marianne (Marconi) McAndrew, CB '90 Alum.

Joshua Buehl (Grade 7), named a finalist from the North Schuylkill Deanery in the Diocesan "Stand Up For Life" Essay Contest.

Carly Gregas (Grade 6), **Zachary Adams** (Grade 7), and **Eric Wychulis** (Grade 8), First Place winners in the CYO District 4 Spelling Bee; **Ricardo Velasquez** (Grade 8), Second Place honors. FYI ... Carly is the daughter of Patty (Dando) Gregas, CB '86 Alum.

Zachary Adams, 2nd Place final honors in the Diocesan CYO Bee.

Immaculate Heart CYO Girls 5th & 6th Grade and Holy Family CYO Boys 7th & 8th Grade Basketball Teams, for winning the Diocesan District 4 2008-09 Championships.

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!!!

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the Newsletter Fall Edition there was an error in the Maiden Name listing of *Dorothy Narcovich* for a Scholarship awarded to Lourdes student Joanna Miller. The correct name is the *Dorothy Wewer Narcovich Scholarship!*

Trinity Wish List???

Our students and teachers would be grateful for any generous individual, family, or Alumni Class from SCHS, IHA/HS, SJA, SJG and CB willing to help sponsor one of the following projects:

- 1) Special Scholarships arranged for Tuition Aid.
- 2) Smart Board Classroom Technology Units.
- 3) Computer Lab Technology Upgrades.
- 4) Art and Music Curriculum Materials.

2009 Trinity Academy Golf Classic

Mark your calendars All Golfers and "Duffers" interested in getting together with classmates and friends to play in our annual golf event!

Sunday, June 14, 2009

Mountain Valley Golf Club

"Four-Person Scramble Format"

Only \$70.00 per person includes:

**Greens Fees, Cart, Food, Refreshments,
Team Awards & Door Prizes!!!**

Call Mike @ (570) 462-3927 To Register!