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Most Holy Trinity

A Letter to My Niece

This is the Feast of the Holy Trinity and I really intended to write about the Trinity; God in relationship as a model for us to be in relationship to God and neighbor. But my eldest niece, a wonderful young woman; a wife, mother of two little girls, and a brilliant Medical Doctor, asked me a question on Easter Sunday that I haven't stopped thinking about and that I finally tried to answer. In the spirit of Trinitarian relationship, I share it with you.



Dear _____,

You asked me a serious question on Easter Sunday – “Why do I stay in the Roman Catholic Church?” It deserves a serious answer and I’ve been thinking about it ever since. So here goes a stab at answering it. First of all, I think I’m pretty free. I could and would walk out. And don’t think I haven’t considered it. More than once. The Church is sinful because, although it is a divine institution, it is comprised of human beings. I see the sinfulness very clearly, especially with regard to women and homosexual people. I have neither the beliefs nor the fears of some of our family members. I believe that every religion can lead people to God. Every one has some of the truth; none has all the truth.

In the interest of full disclosure, let me say that my reasons for staying are, as you assumed, partly cultural. When I think that my great grandparents suffered through An Gorta Mor, the Great Hunger of the Famine, rather than give up the Church; when I think of my parent’s faith, your grandmother’s faith; how could I betray their faith, or give it up? What you said about the Church being part of my “essence” is, I think, true.

Having said that, though, there are deeper reasons. They are not easy to articulate because they are not always of the mind, but of the heart. Of the mind, though, is this: the more theology and ecclesiology I’ve learned, the better I can overlook or choose to question some of the more peripheral things you might read about in The New York Times or The Washington Post. An authentic orthodox teaching of the Catholic Church, for example, is the primacy of conscience. Primacy of conscience means that a person has the obligation to make moral decisions in light of Church teaching, with consultation, according to his or her informed conscience. And the Church, according to the Second Vatican Council, is not only the hierarchy but the People of God, all of us. Many people think that teachings on abortion, divorce, contraception, women’s ordination, are infallible teachings: they are not; rather they are part of what’s called the “Ordinary Magisterium”, serious, but not infallible; in other words, possibly open to change and certainly open to study. Priestly celibacy is merely a Church discipline, which could change at any time with the stroke of a pen. I know the hierarchy doesn’t always act like that’s so, but it is. The Bishops should, but sometimes don’t, consult theologians. Decisions in the Church are supposed to be made with the “Sensus Fidelium”, the “Sense of the Faithful.” A perfect example of what happens when that is ignored is the Birth Control decree. Pope Paul VI convened a group of theologians and a group of lay people to study the issue. Both found that contraception was not intrinsically evil and so reported, but he sent out his letter anyway. As a result, many people made up their own minds. Again, the primacy of conscience. I could go on and on about this stuff, but I’ll spare you.

There are three main reasons why I love the Catholic Church – Promotion of the Intellect & the Arts, Social Justice, and Prayer.

You may be surprised by the first, but think about it. Some of the greatest thinkers in history have been Catholics: Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, Dante, Newman, etc. The great medieval universities were Catholic, and the greatest art and music in history have been commissioned by the Catholic Church. A walk through The Metropolitan Museum of Art or the National Gallery or the Louvre proves that. In my Parish, we have both an ongoing classical concert series, “Sacred Music in a Sacred Space” and an ongoing collaboration with The Metropolitan Museum of Art. As an English major and an avid reader, I am proud of the fact that so many great writers past and present were / are Catholics. There is also just the “fun” aspect – the Church has never been opposed to dancing, singing, drinking, gambling, unlike many Protestant Churches tainted by Puritanism. I remember being in Northern Ireland one time on a Sunday night: everyone was crossing the border into Donegal because the Protestant North was shut down on Sundays!

The Catholic Church has always been the church of the poor. From the very beginning until now the Church has been a voice for the voiceless and a champion of the poor. Its institutions serve millions, perhaps billions of people every single day. Catholic Relief Services and Jesuit Relief Services were the first on the ground after the tsunami and first on the ground in New Orleans. Catholic Charities, CRS, JRS, Jesuit Volunteer Corps and students

from Catholic colleges across the country are in New Orleans today providing relief. When I go to Fort Benning every year to protest the School of the Americas (WHINSEC), which has trained the murder squads of Central America, I am there with 20,000 students from Catholic Universities and people from Catholic parishes and institutions. It was four Catholic women; Dorothy Kazel, Ita Forde, Maura Clarke, and Jean Donovan, who were raped and murdered in El Salvador by these death squads for working with the poor. It was a Catholic bishop, Oscar Romero, from a wealthy family, who was murdered by a graduate of SOA for speaking out against the structures which oppressed the poor, and it was six Jesuit professors at the University there who were dragged out in the middle of the night and murdered for preaching and teaching Catholic Social Doctrine on behalf of the poor. In our own country, it was Catholic priests like Dan Berrigan, S.J. and his brother, Philip, and the Trappist monk, Thomas Merton, who led the protest against the Vietnam War. Dan today continues to act and speak against war, joined now by younger priests and the lay people of Pax Christi, the international Catholic Peace movement. In New York City Dorothy Day became a Catholic because she saw the Church as a more authentic advocate for the poor than the Communist Party. Her Catholic Worker Houses continue to shelter and feed those who might otherwise die in the streets. I don't have to tell you about Mother Teresa of Calcutta, but how about Sister Helen Prejean of "Dead Man Walking," a Sister of St. Joseph from a wealthy family in New Orleans, who went to live in the Projects and became the #1 advocate for abolishing the death penalty; a crusade which has resulted in changing the minds and hearts of many and rolled back capital punishment in many states. She keeps on — and the American bishops support her. Every Pope in the modern era has spoken forcefully against both war and capital punishment. Speaking of the Bishops, their Pastoral Letters on the Economy and War and Peace were powerful moral statements on the inequalities of our economic system and the internal violence inherent in our rush to war. This is the Catholic Church to which I belong to and in which I Minister.

And let's not forget the Catholic Schools, which have provided a hand up to immigrants and poor people for over a hundred years. In the days when your father and I attended them they were perhaps not perfect, but they were virtually free, and gave us both an excellent basic education and the opportunity for higher education. Fordham and St. John's have moved into the front ranks of American Universities, but in our day most of our classmates were, like us, the children of immigrants; the first in our families to go to college, and they opened a new world to us. It was at Fordham that I began to have a new vision of the Catholic Church, where arguments were open and dissent encouraged. Today Catholic schools across the inner cities of this country are providing a college prep education to the poorest children, many of them not Catholics. This is my Church.

Finally, prayer. It is the Catholic Church, with its rituals and music, its incense and vestments, which has nourished my heart and brought me ever deeper into relationship with God. It is the Eucharist, without which I literally could not live. And it is not that I think the Catholic Church has a lock on prayer or holiness; I don't. I think, for example, that John Wesley was a saint and a mystic. I respect his efforts to reform the Church of England from its "Catholic" ways, which he saw as too "popish." But I do think he may have thrown the baby out with the bath water. For me, at least, I need the appeal to my senses: I "get" Lent when I see the purple vestments; my heart jumps when I walk into Church for Midnight Mass or the Easter Vigil and see all the white and gold; when I hear the "Alleluia" after forty days of missing it, and my prayer "rises like incense." At the Eucharistic Prayer, my knees get weak, thinking that Christ himself is in our midst (and this by the way, not because of any "magic hands" or something, but because he promised to be with us when we come together in his name). Do other Churches have this? I suppose they do, but they always seem a bit unsure. What is it that brings eight hundred young adults in their 20's and 30's to our 7:30PM Mass in NYC every Sunday night or what is it that brings thousands of people just here in New York, not to mention across the country, to ask for admission to the Catholic Church every Easter?

More privately, the Catholic Church has a consistent tradition of support for private prayer and meditation and for Spiritual Directors (whom the Irish called "Anam Chara", "Friend of My Soul"). The Protestant Churches are only now reclaiming this tradition. The Church, through the centuries, has nourished the spirit of great saints, many of whom, like Francis of Assisi, Ignatius Loyola, Catherine of Siena, and Angela Merici, among many others, saw very clearly the limitations of the institution and acted for reform. Finally, the Catholic Church has always insisted on the interrelationship of prayer and action and prayer and work for justice. In the Catholic Church, prayer is never just about me and God, but always about the dear neighbor.

So that's why I stay. It is my home and my family. I recognize its foibles and its sinfulness; especially, as you point out, with regard to women. I am sometimes hurt by it, as your grandmother was. But those are signs of its humanness and I have faith that as it is ultimately a divine institution, as is the entire Christian Church, this will change. I and women like me are a witness to that and I hope that women, perhaps in your generation, perhaps in your daughters', will remember us with gratitude. But just as I would not leave my family for anything, and, just as back in 1968, I would not surrender my country to those who told me to "love it or leave it," I'm not surrendering my Church either. I understand your feelings, and respect your intention to raise your children outside the Catholic Church. But it makes me sad. It strikes me that one of the real mistakes the Catholic Church has made is that in providing schools for children, it has failed to continue the education of adults. So many only know what they learned as children, which is not true of any other area of our lives. What we learn as children — very simple, very black and white — does not serve us as adults. You are very, very smart, and you have had a world-class education. But not in your faith. I hope you find a faith community that is for you what Catholicism is for me. I wish you found it in the Church of your birth, but I think we each have to find it for ourselves, and your question shows me that you are seriously looking. My faith tells me that God will bring you to the place you need to be.

With all my love,
Aunt Mary

Mary Naughton, Pastoral Associate

TODAY AT ST. IGNATIUS

Sunday, June 3, 2007

Learn about the Leviticus Fund today, after the **11:30AM** Mass. Join us in Wallace Hall. See this Bulletin for more information!

1:30PM Baptisms

JUNE DAYS

What's coming up...

Please refer to the Pastor's letter in this week's bulletin regarding our Parish Campaign for the Bicentennial Year.

IREP REGISTRATION

for 2007-2008 begins

Call 212-861-4764

Monday, June 11, at 6:30PM Talk on Africa.

See Bulletin for details.

Wednesday, June 13 and 27 at 7PM

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting. All are welcome.

Grammar School News

Thursday, June 14, at 8:45AM Grammar School Graduation Mass.

Friday, June 15, 5:30PM Grammar School Graduation

Saturday, June 16 Soup Kitchen at Park Avenue Christian Church, sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul Society. Call Pattie Hughes at the Parish House if you wish to attend.

Tuesday, June 19, at 7:15PM St. Ignatius Spiritual Community Reading Group. Our group's book for June is *Seeking God in All Things: Theology and Spiritual Direction*, by William Reiser, S.J. We welcome new members. Please contact Jane Campbell: jtcjane@aol.com or at: 212.536.7746. Or, call Terrance Meehan at 212.422.0022.

Day Nursery News

Wednesday, June 20, St. Ignatius Day Nursery Graduation (for information call 212.734.6427)

Thursday, June 21, St. Ignatius Day Nursery Orientation Meeting for New Parents

Sunday, June 24, 11AM

Final Wallace Hall Mass until September.

11:30AM St. Ignatius will be celebrating special wedding milestones for couples at the Solemn Mass. An extended coffee hour will follow in Wallace Hall.

12:45PM Ignatian Social Justice Meeting (note meeting is rescheduled from June 17).



Fordham on Park at Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

Explore programs offered by the Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education: Certificate in Adult Faith Formation, graduate programs (MA, Ph.D. and D.Min.) and Adult Enrichment, as well as to register for two fall courses at St. Ignatius Loyola.

Fall Course offerings at St. Ignatius: SACRAMENTAL SPIRITUALITY

with Rev. Lope Lesigues, Ph.D.

Mondays 6:30 to 8:20PM

September 10 to December 17, 2007

This course will be an exploration of present-day theological reflection, contemporary spirituality, and pastoral practice for the ministry of the sacraments of initiation (RCIA) and the healing sacraments (reconciliation and anointing). The study and discussion will be biblical and ecumenical, interdisciplinary and multicultural.

PROPHETIC LITERATURE

with Rev. Gerard Laird, OSB,

Thursdays 4:30 to 6:20 PM,

September 13 to December 20, 2007

This course will examine the history of prophecy in ancient Israel, from its origins in the Mosaic period to its transformation in post-exilic times. In addition to this historical task, the course will also consider the theological issues raised by the present shape of the prophetic books.

Contact Sr. Kathryn King for further information or to register. Or you may download a registration form from our website at www.saintignatiusloyola.org and mail it to the attention of Sr. Kathryn King, Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, 980 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10028.

You may also refer to Fordham's Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education website.



We pray for the faithful departed

WILLIAM LORDI

May He Rest in the Peace of the Risen Lord

OF INTEREST TO OUR PARISH

Just Faith:

In September, we will begin an intensive, 30 week program of reading, study and reflection on Catholic Social Teaching. In addition to weekly meetings, the commitment will include two weekend retreats (the first given here at the Church, with people going home at night; the second at a retreat house next May) and four immersion experiences with the poor. These may include, but not be limited to, shelter, soup kitchen, and other activities already undertaken by members of ISJ.) The cost for each participant will be \$130. The cost of necessary books, we are hoping, can be covered by the sale of Fair Trade coffee on Sunday mornings. If you think you might be interested, please come to an information meeting – no commitment – on Monday, June 4, at 7PM. Those of you who already received a letter on this, please note the change of date because of Ministry Night.) There will be a brief explanatory video and a chance to ask questions.



SAVE THE DATE! WOMEN'S RETREAT

Our Annual Women's Retreat at St. Ignatius Retreat House (Inisfada) in Manhasset will take place the weekend of October 12 – 14. Space is limited and a deposit of \$100 will hold your room (refundable until September 1). To register, please leave a check in an envelope marked "Women's Retreat" for Mary Naughton at the Parish House.



AWAY RETREAT

Gospel Call to Justice

A three-day Retreat preached by Rev. Mark Hallinan, S.J., at Bethany Spirituality Center, Highland Mills, NY, June 28 – 30. Call 845.460.3061 for information.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED St. Ignatius is partnering with St. James Episcopal Church and Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in providing volunteers for the overnight shelter located at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church. The Shelter operates Monday through Friday all year. Two groups of volunteers are needed: one group to set up before the men come and to put out a snack of sandwiches, cookies and drinks; and one to come in at 8PM and stay overnight. This complements our St. Vincent de Paul Shelter, which operates only every other weekend in the winter months. If you are interested in volunteering or need further information, please call or e-mail Mary Naughton at the Parish House.

From the Office of the Vicar General, Archdiocese of New York

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212.371.1000 x2949 or Deacon Lawrence O'Toole at 914.594.4646 or DEACON_OTOOLE@nyc.edu. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, <http://ny-archdiocese.org>. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

Leadership in the American Catholic Church Saturday, June 9, 9AM-5PM

Rose Hill Campus (Bronx), Fordham University
Morning and afternoon concurrent sessions, including
Models of Women's Leadership in the American Church
with Speaker: Dr. Jeannine Hill Fletcher,
Professor, Fordham University
For information visit: www.fordham.edu/cs or
phone: 718.817.0662



At Fairfield University - The Jesuit Collaborative
Conference on IGNATIAN Spirituality
"On Mission with Christ Incarnate: Responding to the
Trinity's Vision for the World Today"
June 15-17, 2007

Workshops and Panel Discussions
For information and to register by June 1st
visit www.jesuit-collaborative.org



**Mount Manresa Jesuit Retreat House and the
Institute for Spirituality in the Workplace**
invite you to

A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Jordan and Egypt
November 1 to November 15, 2007
Fr. Edward J. Quinnan, S.J. Pilgrimage Director
Cost: \$3,299 (CASH discount price if paid before June 30, 2007)
\$3,399 (\$100 surcharge if paying by credit card)
Includes R/T airfare, two meals per day and all transfers and fees.
For reservations call Dr. Angie Cruz 212.807.0484



Capuchin Journeys

Refresh your spirit - renew your soul
Fall 2007 Season includes:

Journey to Peace (Medjugorje, October 19-27)
Franciscan Italy (Rome/Assisi/San Giovanni Rotondo, October 2-9)
Great Women of Faith (Paris/Lourdes/Lisieux, October 14-21)
Contact: pilgrimages@capuchin.org or call 212.564.0759 x285



GRACE INSTITUTE - Tuition FREE Business Skills OPEN HOUSE June 6, 12PM-4PM

A four-and-one-half month training program teaches women skills needed to succeed in the workplace. Includes job placement assistance. Classes meet Monday- Friday, 9AM-3PM beginning in September 2007. Evening classes are also available. Must have a High School diploma or GED and English fluency. For further information call 212.832.7605 or visit www.graceinstitute.org



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Office of the Pastor

June 3, 2007

Dear Parishioners,

Over the past few weeks we have received a number of inquiries from parishioners concerning this year's Cardinal's Appeal. Usually by this time of the year we have made solicitations. In addition, we would normally be preparing to launch our Annual Spring Collection. As you know, financial support typically decreases during the summer months, while our expenses remain constant. The Spring Collection provides a major antidote to a possible operating deficit. This year both of these collections, as well as our Fall Appeal, will be integrated into the Bicentennial Campaign of the Archdiocese, in which all parishes of the Archdiocese have been asked to participate.

The Bicentennial Campaign will give us the opportunity to assist the Archdiocese in its important work of supporting our neediest parishes, while also providing us a chance to address a number of our own most significant challenges: the restoration of our landmark Church, the renovation of our Parish Grammar School, and the strengthening and expansion of various Parish ministries.

It is of the utmost importance to me that our Campaign serve not only to ensure that our Parish have the financial resources we need to accomplish our mission, but that it also be an occasion for strengthening us as a true community of worship and service. Accordingly, I am anxious that the Campaign engage the entire Parish Community. A campaign of this type requires careful planning and conscientious and attentive leadership. I am pleased to inform you that we are particularly blessed to have just such leadership in Richard and Marissa Blackett, Win and Mary Rutherford, and a wonderful group of Parishioners, who have agreed to serve on the Campaign Committee. I thank them on behalf of all of us for the time and hard work they have already given so generously.

The total goal of our Campaign is an ambitious \$5 million, and we have already begun the "quiet phase," intended to secure commitments of one-third to one-half of our goal. As is the accepted practice in such campaigns, we are in the process of approaching those parishioners whose giving record suggests that they might be able to help us reach this goal. The next step will be to invite the support of all the members of the Parish, with the hope of reaching a 100% participation level. As our Parish continues to grow, with 677 newly registered members just over the last 18 months, it is vital that all of us share the vision and contribute to the work of this wonderful Community the Lord has brought together.

As I mentioned, the Annual Spring and the Annual Fall Collection, along with the Cardinal's Appeal are folded into the Bicentennial Campaign. These collections represent, if you will, "fixed costs." Consequently, we will need your usual, if not even more generous support for these collections that allow us to cover our annual operating expenses and obligations to the Archdiocese. Only after we have reached our goals for these collections will we be able to apply gifts to the urgent capital needs of our Church and Parochial Grammar School, our important ministry initiatives and the Archdiocesan Fund for Needy Parishes.

We believe that most Parishioners will appreciate only having to respond to one major appeal for our Parish this year (with the exception, of course, of your support of our outstanding Music Program). If you prefer to contribute to the Cardinal's Appeal and to the usual Spring and Fall Collections directly, you are most welcome to do so. Please, however, do consider making an additional contribution to the capital portion of the Bicentennial Campaign.

Through mailings, pulpit announcements, bulletin and e-mail messages, through small meetings and larger Parish events, you will soon be receiving more detailed information on the scope and specific goals of the Campaign. I urge you all to consider how much the Lord has given us as a Parish Community, and as individuals. The Psalmist ponders, "How shall I repay the Lord, for His goodness to me? The cup of salvation I will take up, and I will call on the name of the Lord" (Ps. 116: 12-13). With profound gratitude, let us take up the work that lies before us, confident that the One who calls us will ensure our success, "Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam".

Devotedly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. R. Blaszcak, S.J." with a stylized flourish at the end.

(Fr.) Gerald R. Blaszcak, S.J.

PARISH NEWS FOR THE MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY 2007

BAPTISMS



Thomas James Romero
Luca Stefano Blankenbuehler
Michael Richard Botti
Lorenzo Lino Brigode
Katelyn Natalie John-Assing
Alexander William Koester

Henry James Latte
Lilah Joy Marsh
Kyra Elizabeth McCarthy
Connor Francis McGrail
William Patrick McGrail
Alexandra Celine Tzou
Abigail Marie Zahn
Charlotte Christine Zahn
Amalie Zoila Seyffert
Brooks Thayer Fisher
Luke Gregory Barrett
Simon Michael Capps
Isabel Madeline Mena
Marina Eleanor Seyffert
Eric Hyun-Sup Byun
Patricia Martell
Marianne Cosgrove
Audrey Seybert
Alyssa Varley
Yoshiko Kinoshita
Jenny Chung Cheung McLeod
Jane Dryden
Philip Fox Rose
Jennifer Cooper
Randi Delirod
Sameea Chughtai
Estella Pearl Kennedy
Luke Michael Buttigieg
Savannah Maureen Hill
Andrea Isabel Ambriz Moreno
Brayden Andrew Bathgate
Catherine Graham Burns
Ryan Julia Cassin
Caroline Ashley Caviness
Christian Morris Graziano
Devyn Elizabeth O'Callaghan
Isabelle Flynn Steiglehner
Christian Philippe van Steenkiste
Sean Joseph Williams
Cecilia Maria de Costa
Steven Andrade
Olivia Karolina Kovics
Nicholas Andrew McQuilling
Iliana Pilar Cannon
Alexandra Grace Lang
Jose-Miguel Nolan

FUNERALS

Nilsson Cortez
Veronica Kehoe
Thomas van Leuven
Ervin Popa
Wolfgang Herz
Mary Escott
Daniel Black
Betty M. Regan
William Lordi



**May the Rest
in the Peace
of the Risen
Lord**

WEDDINGS

Thomas Madison Boyd, MD and Kelly Katherine Grant
Nicolas R. Onofrey and Meaghan R. Nelson
Christopher Campbell Wheeler and Aileen Marie Aponte
Robert M. Hassett and Breck N. Dickey
Robert James Seery and Kathleen Donna Hurley
Robert E. Biagi and Yu (Flora) Wu
Wayne C. Gaskill and Cristin M. Jones
Channing Drummond Creecy and Mary Catherine Stone
Nicholas Anthony Blasucci and Deirdre E. Vignone
Thomas J. Donnelly and Allison H. Trunzo
Ozhan Sven Pamuk and Sharon J. Heptig
Daniel Casey Kobi and Orley Erez
John Kevin Cullimore and Kathleen Leonard
Erdal Dere and Erin Neary
Kevin Paul McDonald and Kylie Foxx
Christopher Andrew Plaford and Kimberly Hope Koehler
Edward F/ Woods and Jean B. Riordan
Frank Joseph Tuccillo, IV and Lauren Aileen Schmiedel
Micah Dov Gottlieb and Megan Elayne Dunphy



EUCCHARIST

Gabriela Kowalski
Jacqueline Marchal
Amalie Zoila Seyffert
Marina Eleanor Seyffert
Olivia Barnhill
Sam Barnhill
Vanessa Bacha
Eric Hyn-Sup Byun
Sameea Chughtai
Jennifer Cooper
Marianne Cosgrove
Ansley Dauenhauer
Randi Delirod
George Michel Dimitri
Jane Dryden
Joseph Richard Feehan
Andrea Theresa Sansevrino Galan
Jenny Aurora Hebel de Ibarra
Yoshiko Kinoshita
Justin John Livengood
Karen Haney Lubin
Patricia Martell
Jenny McLeod
Zorina Marie Rivera
Philip Fox Rose
Albert Serrano
Audrey Seybert
Dyanne Shaw
Thor Jan Valdmanis
Alyssa Varley
Jenna Nicole Walters
Theodore M. Aiello
Julia Alfonzetti
Paia Amelio
Jeremy Ayala
Chiara Cristen Bagatta
Luke Edward Barba
John Alexander Barket
Julia Bartley
Alysanagh Batch
Gabiella Fonseca Batista
John-Carlo Bautista
Maximillian Beirne-Shafer

Adam Richard Belanger
Michael Berrios
John P. Blaney
Gianna Marie Bohecchio
Pierce Boczar
Christopher Tyler Brassil
Dylan Burke
Kimberly Buttigieg
Andrew Camilleri
Tristan Cave
Alexa Cestaro
Fiona Coffey
Marcos A. Collins
Mary Conroy
Michael Cottrell
Benjamin Cruz
Luke D'Cruz-Syiemlieh
Elizabeth Daly
Kevin Daly
Danielle Therese Darcy
William Patrick DeLince
Sara Debono
Jack Dennehy
Philippe G. Didisheim
Zoe Christina Yamilla Diflo
Edward Eustace
Aidan Matthew Feeley
Emily Fennell
Francesca Marini Fichera
Manuela Esper Figueiredo
Francesco Finali
Giacomo Finali
Declan Fine
Zachary Fiore-Mitchell
Sophia Rose Flanagan
Sabrina Fornario
Alexander Paul Gabor
Elizabeth Garcia
Alexander S Gargone
Clara Garrofe Sorribes
Alexander Gellert
Jake Germano
Ricardo Gomez
Warren Gourin
Benjamin Grieco
Serina Griffin
Braedon Gromek
Victoria Guerra
Nicholas Guillem
Stefan Gustafsson
Conor P. D. Harkins
Morgan Hartmayer
Francis James Hearn
Casey Elizabeth Horey
Hana Ikeda
Paul Adam Jensen
Lily Gerand Keller
Jenna Kerman
Marta Kjorven
Andrew Kombel
Juliet Holley Bartlett LaSala
J. Nicholas Laing
Brian James Landry
Harrison Leitner
Christopher W. Lilly
William LoBue



EUCCHARIST *(continued)*

Patrick W. Lopez
Elizabeth Loughran
Niamh Lynch
Alexandra Lyons
Gabriel Manak
Adrian Mandeville
Jean Marti
Julia Martin
Amanda Martinez
Robert Math
Camilla Mayol
John Michael McCann
Luke McCarthy
Anna L. McDonald
Caroline McGinnis
Cuchulainn Ursus McGloin
Joseph Patrick McGranahan
Abigail Kathleen McHugh
Felicity Beatrice McKenna
Pierce W. McMahon
Elizabeth McNamara
Rhone Cyprien Meche
Liam Meissner
Tiffany Alexandra Merolle
Eoin Mills
Cara May Moore
Charles Moran
Alejandro Moreno
Veronica Moreno
Nicholas T. Neeser
Christian T. Nosal
Jackson Notes
Ryan Elizabeth O'Loughlin
Christopher Blake O'Neill
Devin O'Neill
Anna Paola Pandolfi
Maxwell Pazzaglini
Elisabeth Pearson
Mark Edward Pepperman
Gabriel Agustin Perez
Morgan K. Perry
Sofia Pipolo
Peter Eduard Pollina
Katherine Prael
Matthew Ptucha
Annabelle Puglisi
Cormac Reilly
Mariana Reisacher
Tyler Reno
Thomas Reynolds
Gabriela Maria Rivera
James Hurd Rodgers
Alejandro Roman
Luca Ross
Lyra Ross
Aidan Pablo Ryan
Gabiella Sahyoun
Christian Saralegui
Arthur James Scavone
Julia Blackett Schlank
Katie Semack
Sierra Adrianna Serinese
Joseph M. Serpico
Kathleen Sharp
Nicolas Sommer
Rose Spinna
Priya Srikumar
Sabrina Li Wong Stanger

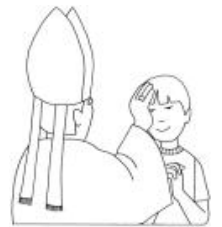
James Stegmann
Samantha Clegg Sterck
Catherine Natalie Sullivan
Katherine Suss
Maria Teresa Talbott
Daniel Tarallo
Alexandra Rose Teplitz
Chase Tomasino
Carrig Twomey
Quintin Hutchinson Tyree
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St. Ignatius Loyola Day Nursery

celebrated its 15th Annual Spring Benefit, in the Crystal Room, at Tavern on the Green, Friday, May 18th. The event was the biggest and most successful ever! Mr. Maarten ten Holder, Deputy Managing Director of Sotheby's was Auctioneer for the evening. The Silent Auction and Raffle prizes thrilled the guests and enticed them to participate while making generous bids.



The Journal, a new initiative, included the history of the Day Nursery, a brief look into the life of its founder, Nicholas Frederic Brady, Journal ads, a list of raffles and Live and Silent auction items. As one parent exclaimed, "the Journal is a testament to the school, I loved everything about it." The Day Nursery teachers and staff are most grateful for the generous support received from its families, friends, and community partners.

One of the highlights of the evening was the introduction of "The Ladybug Fund" by the Caiafa Family, in honor of their sister, Christine, a former teacher, who lost her battle to cancer in 2005. The Caiafa family established this fund for the faculty of the Day Nursery to further enhance their education.

Also during the evening, Theodora Crist, the Day Nursery's Executive Director, gave recognition to teachers and staff who have served the Day Nursery for 20 or more years.

We thank all who contributed to the success of this biggest fundraiser which helps our families with Financial Aid and Tuition Assistance.

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Archdiocese of New York

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