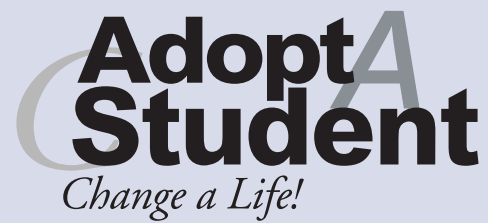




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News

A Message From Bob Pape, Steering Committee Chair



On behalf of the Adopt-A-Student Steering Committee I wish all of our supporters a very blessed Christmas. At this time of year, our already busy schedules get even more hectic. As we gather with family, friends and co-workers, decorate for the season, shop for gifts, sometimes the true meaning of Advent and Christmas gets lost

among the commercial elements thrust upon us in so many ways. Each of us has blessings from God. None so great as the gift of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem.

It is a time to celebrate and give thanks for God's gifts to each of us. It is also a time to reflect on the fact there are many among us who are struggling and how we may share our blessings.

The challenging economy is still in the news each day. While signs of recovery top the news one day, other economic indicators tell us we still have a long road ahead.

Our own indicator—the number of families applying for scholarships—is a sign that many continue to struggle to make ends meet. Knowing that, we have increased our efforts to look for new supporters and ways to increase funding to enable us to provide the opportunity for a Catholic education to as many students as possible. It is a challenge. Through the hard work of our volunteers and your generosity, we are changing lives as our Adopt-A-Student motto proclaims. Your support of the Adopt-A-Student Program offers that opportunity!

Adopt-A-Student scholarships are funded 100 % through dona-



tions. It may be direct gifts to the program or through a sponsorship of one of our events or even the interest from endowment funds created from donations in past years.

Thank you to all who have supported our efforts this past year. We look forward to the year ahead as we set our goals to assist more families with Adopt-A-Student scholarships.

As you celebrate this holiday season and reflect on your blessings from God, remember there are others who will benefit greatly from your support. Make a gift to Adopt-A-Student and "Change A Life!"

The Clark Family – Faith Is the Center Of Their Lives



Nancy and Richard “Dick” Clark have been married for 25 years. Each grew up in a family with seven children. Once married, Nancy and Dick wanted to have several children of their own. They have nine. The children—

Ann, Veronica, James, Teresa, Catherine, Grace, Thomas, Daniel and Michael—range in age from 24 to seven. All either graduated from, or are attending Catholic schools.

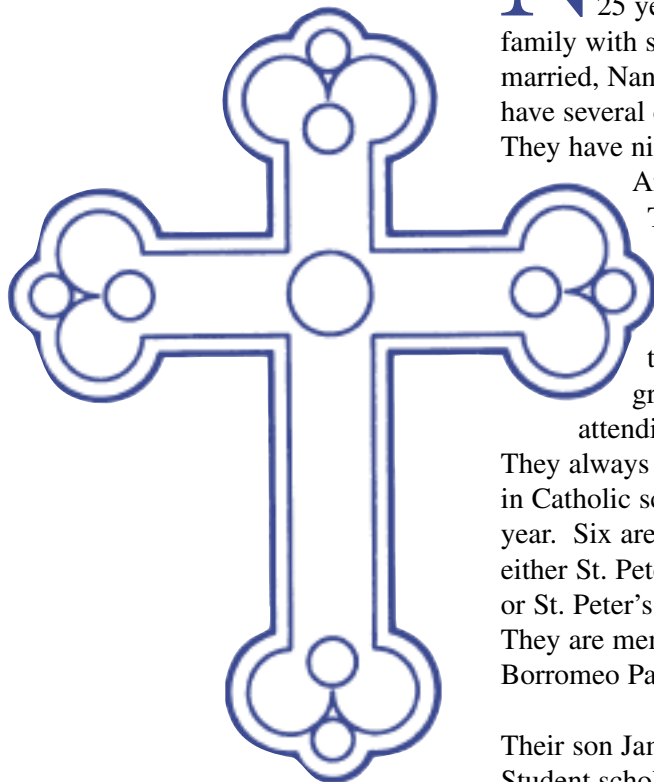
They always had four to six children in Catholic schools in any given year. Six are currently attending either St. Peter-Marian High School or St. Peter’s Elementary School. They are members of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Worcester.

Their son James was an Adopt-A-Student scholar and graduated from Holy Name in 2008. He joined the Marines immediately after graduation. He graduated Squad Leader

from boot camp and was top in his Military Occupational Specialist class as an electrician. He was meritoriously promoted to Lance Corporal upon his graduation. Six months later he was deployed to defend our country in Afghanistan. After seven months, James returned home for Thanksgiving for a brief period. He is now back with his fellow Marines awaiting new orders. Thank you, James, for helping to protect all of us!

The Clarks daughter, Grace was selected to be an Adopt-A-Student scholar this school year. Grace is in the 7th grade at St. Peter’s Central Catholic Elementary School.

In a recent conversation, one of Nancy’s first comments was, “I couldn’t put into words what I feel about these Catholic schools. Our kids take what they learn here into their lives. I can’t describe the stress it relieved when our kids were taken into the program and I can’t



explain the opportunity and education this program and the schools provide.”

Nancy explained how her son James thrived at Holy Name but without assistance from Adopt-A-Student donors, he would have had to leave the school. James knew someone was helping him and is very grateful for the support that allowed him to finish and graduate from Holy Name. His faith is strong and he mentions it frequently in letters written home to family members.

With such a large family Nancy has stayed home to care for the children. Dick worked for 20 years at the former Spag’s and then for a local builder. He was recently laid off.

Nancy stated that religion is the center of their lives. She talked about Catholic schools and the power of the crucifix in each classroom. “It changes the atmosphere. Students learn the importance of faith at school. They are well behaved in church and other social settings because of these teachers and these schools. They don’t listen to me!” she said as she laughed.

The Clarks remain strong in their faith that God will guide them through difficult times. They are grateful to the many donors who support The Adopt-A-Student Program to make it possible for them and so many others facing challenging financial situations but are able to receive the benefits of a Catholic education.



THANK YOU!

The William J. O’Brien Distinguished Lecture Series

This lecture series was established to honor the memory of our first Chairman and perpetuate the philosophies he practiced and promulgated about how to create a business culture that values the individual, and makes ethics and moral values the basis for all decisions.

This year the Lecture Series was held at The College of the Holy Cross on October 22nd. The Lecture topic was, “Where Do We Go From Here? Moved From Being Served To Serving”. The keynote speaker was Lawrence Brandon, President Emeritus of the American Institute for CPCU Insurance Institute of America.

We wish to thank the Lecture Series for the continued, generous support of Adopt-A-Student by donating the proceeds from the lectures which have totaled \$62,000 over the past four years.

Student Orientation

On Tuesday, October 4th an Orientation session was held at Assumption College for all Adopt-A-Student scholars. The event was hosted by Assumption President and Adopt-A-Student Steering Committee member Dr. Francesco Cesareo.

Charles McManus explained the details of the Program and what is expected from each student. He also pointed out to them the opportunities available to receive a full scholarship offered to Adopt-A-Student scholars by Anna Maria, Assumption, and Holy Cross if they meet their entrance requirements. Former Adopt-A-Student scholar and now a member of our Steering Committee, Brenden Walsh, explained the benefits of being selected as an Adopt-A-Student scholar. Dr. Cesareo explained the college application process and elements students should consider as they think about college choices.

After the presentations, students shared lunch provided by Assumption. Our thanks to Dr. Cesareo and Assumption for your hospitality!

Central Mass Safety Council to Offer Classes in Schools

Through the efforts of our Vice-Chairman, Bob Kenney, and Executive Director of the Central Massachusetts Safety Council (CMSC), Tim Cooney, and in cooperation with the Headmasters of our three Central Catholic high schools, a driver education program has been set up at each of the schools.

The students will be able to receive driver training at their school or at other CMSC sites at a reduced rate, and Adopt-a-Student will receive a donation from CMSC which will be given to the Headmasters to help students in need.

Our thanks to Tim Cooney and the CMSC.

Gifts that Keep on Giving

In addition to support from events and direct donations which are used to provide scholarships annually, several individuals, families and/or organizations have established endowment funds for Adopt-A-Student. The current endowments total slightly more than \$700,000. In most cases, the interest earned from the funds is used for scholarships while the corpus of the original remains intact.

For information on how to establish an endowment fund in honor or in memory of a friend or loved one, please call the Catholic Schools Office at 508.791.7171.

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Upcoming Events and Activities

As applications for tuition assistance are at an all time high, Adopt-A-Student committee members are always looking for new ways to increase funds available to families and their students. Last December, we held a Basketball Jamboree and in June we held our first annual Dash for Cash walk/run, which began with Bishop McManus celebrating Mass in Institute Park and ended with a family picnic. Please visit our website—adopt-a-student.net—for more details about the events below and other information as we continue to develop ways to increase student scholarships.

JANUARY

January 8 –

Holy Name vs. St. Peter-Marian boys' basketball game to benefit Adopt-A-Student

January 23 –

St. Bernard's vs. Matignon hockey game to benefit Adopt-A-Student

FEBRUARY

February 4 –

St. Peter-Marian vs. Holy Name girls' basketball game to benefit Adopt-A-Student

APRIL

April 15 –

3rd Annual Recognition dinner

JUNE

2nd Annual Dash for Cash walk/run to support Central Catholic Schools. There will be an outdoor Mass and family day picnic. Date to be finalized.

AUGUST

August 30 –

21st Annual Golf Tournament

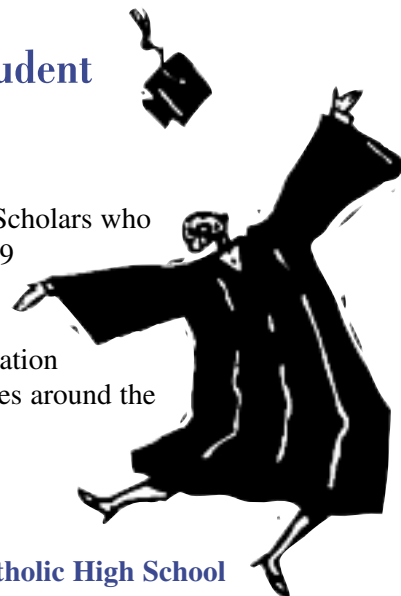
ONGOING

Lunches at St. Peter Central Catholic

Elementary School: If you would like to learn more about Adopt-A-Student and tour SPCC, we would enjoy telling you more about the program and sharing lunch with you. Contact Charlie McManus at 508-795-9904 or Bob Pape at 508-845-6265 to arrange a visit!

2009 Adopt-A-Student Graduates

Adopt-A-Student Scholars who graduated in 2009 received many school awards and went on to continue their education at colleges and universities around the country.



Holy Name Central Catholic High School

Alexa Catino is attending Assumption College and was awarded the full Scholarship that Assumption offers to an Adopt-A-Student scholar who meets their academic requirements.

John Galasso is attending Mt. Ida College.

Jessica Hanson is attending Hampton University and received a Holy Name Memorial Scholarship Award.

Maureen Maloney is attending Westfield State College and received a Holy Name Senior Class Scholarship Award.

Aleesha Weldon is attending Salem State College. She is a member of the National Honor Society and graduated with Highest Honors.

St. Peter-Marian Central Catholic High School

Margaret Paul is attending Worcester State College. She is a member of the National Honor Society and graduated with Highest Honors. She also received the Adopt-A-Student 2009 O'Brien Award for Values and the Elizabeth Ann Donohue Scavone Memorial Scholarship.

St. Bernard's High School

Raymond Leger is attending Lasalle College, Newton, MA.

Jaime Vinal is attending the University of Connecticut. She was a member of the National Honor Society and graduated with Honors. She was also awarded the Adopt-A-Student 2009 Kervick Award for leadership.

St. Peter's Central Catholic Elementary School

Destinee Lucier is attending Holy Name High School and received the 2009 Female School Athlete Award.

20th Annual Adopt-A-Student Golf Tournament

Dedicated to the memory of Richard "Dick" O'Hearn

The Adopt-A-Student Golf Tournament was held Monday, August 31st at Wachusett Country Club in West Boylston. It was a special year for the event...20 years! The event was sold out with 144 golfers playing on a beautiful late summer day. We were proud to honor the memory of a very special gentleman. Richard O'Hearn, and his company, Washburn-Garfield Corporation, were among our lead sponsors for many years. Sadly, Dick passed away last December but his legacy of support continued through The O'Hearn Family Foundation.

Dick was a member of the program Steering Committee and offered his time and wisdom to many aspects of Adopt-A-Student. Many students have been blessed by his generosity. We are all blessed for having known him and to call him a friend. After the round of golf, Adopt-A-Student Vice Chairman, Robert Kenney paid tribute to his close friend with some remarks and presented a plaque to Dick's family members in appreciation for his life of service and his support of the Adopt-A-Student Program.



Tournament winners were:

1st Place Gross Score: David Grenon, Mike Grenon, Bob Jacques and Tony Lorusso

1st Place Net Score: Brenden Walsh, Dan Girard, Brian Allen and Cory Geanis

The generosity of sponsors, prize donors, auction bidders and players provided almost \$57,000 that has been committed to student scholarships this school year. The Golf Committee members wish to thank all for your generosity and participation. **Mark your calendars as the 21st annual tournament is scheduled for Monday, August 30, 2010!**

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1st Place Net Score Foursome: Brian Allen, Brenden Walsh, Cory Geanis and Dan Girard.



1st Place Gross Score Foursome: Mike Grenon, Dave Grenon, and Tony Lorusso. Missing from photo is Bob Jacques

A day enjoyed by all...

