



NEWS FROM “THE INN”

Summer 2016

Happy Anniversary Holy Innocents Parish

Our parish will celebrate its 90th anniversary next year! Monsignor Lynch founded the parish on its feast day, December 28, 1927, and he built the parish one building at a time. For 25 years Mass was celebrated in the “Red Chapel” until our beautiful cross-shaped church was completed in 1953. The church has 7 entrances, a biblical number representing completeness or spiritual perfection.



In 1929 our IHM sisters began their outstanding mission at our parish. Thousands of boys and girls have been schooled in the Catholic faith through selfless efforts of our sisters and our many lay teachers. In the Fall of 2006 we welcomed St. Lucy Day School for the visually impaired to become part of our parish family, with Archbishop Ryan School for the Deaf joining us in 2009.

As we look toward our anniversary, I am very happy to inform you that the parish has hired a new Director of Advancement & Development to lead our planning efforts. Linda Marchese is a new employee, but she is far from new to the parish. Read about this long time parishioner on page two of this newsletter and you will know why she was hired to do this important work and ministry for our parish and our school. Welcome Linda!

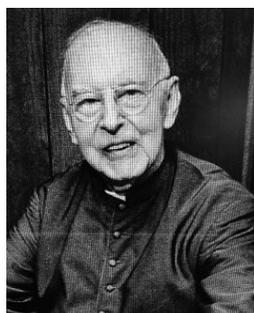


We will officially begin our anniversary on the parish feast day this year, but I hope to see many of you at our Bob Ritchie Memorial Golf Tournament on Saturday, October 22. Page four has all the info you need for the tournament. We will have several events commemorating our anniversary during the year while its culmination will happen next October when we dedicate our newly refurbished parish hall to our founding pastor, Monsignor Martin Lynch.

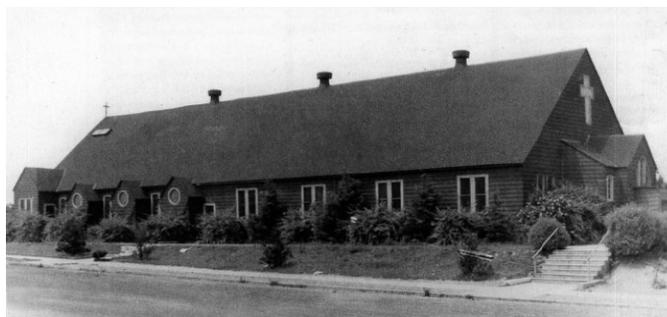
In anticipation of our 90th, I am forming an anniversary committee to assist in the planning of several events during the year. Anyone reading this newsletter who would like to assist with our planning efforts is asked to contact either Linda Marchese at: development@holyinnocentsrc.org or myself at frtom54@gmail.com. We will send you the year’s activities in the near future, so do your best to attend one or more of these throughout the year.

May the remaining weeks of summer include some well needed R & R for you and your loved ones.

Blessings & prayers,
Fr. Tom Higgins



Msgr. Martin J. Lynch



The Little Red Chapel

Avenue to Advancement

Linda Marchese



Linda Marchese
Director of Advancement

My journey began here at Holy Innocents in the 1960's. My fondest memories of that pastoral time at "The Inn" are the superior education I received, the resilience and fortitude of spirit that was instilled, the belief that I could achieve anything if I tried hard enough and the lasting friendships that I made that have endured to this day. And all of this was achieved through a deep and profound love for Christ exhibited in the enduring moral and ethical values that have brought me home to "The Inn."

I continued on to Little Flower Catholic High School and La Salle University building upon the strong foundation that first began at Holy Innocents. The formative years I spent here at "The Inn" prepared me for a rewarding career in the corporate environment, where I remained until 2014.

I have now come full circle and am back at "The Inn" as I forge a new career path as Director of Advancement. In this role I will be striving to increase enrollment, plan and coordinate fundraising initiatives, develop relationships with parents, all the while trying to increase our donor and scholarship base to continue to provide to our current and future students the quality education that I was so fortunate to grow up with.

In the days ahead, I look forward to meeting with many of you, forming new relationships, and 'giving back' to a school that will always be part of my heart.

Get Involved! We are in need of eager Alumni volunteers to help with our Annual Appeal Campaign and Events this year. Please consider being a **Class Representative** (helping to collect and update contact information and with events), a **Committee Member** (for the golf outing, 90th Anniversary, enrollment committee, or development committee), or **Volunteer** (input data, help with mailings, phone-a-thon, other specialized skills you may have). Please fill out the form below and you will be contacted soon. Thank you!

Support Holy Innocents!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Are you an alumni? No Yes Graduation year: _____

Donation Amount (please circle): \$50 \$75 \$100 \$250 \$500 Other: \$ _____

I would like to be a (please circle): **Class Rep** **Committee Member** **Volunteer**

Our goal this year is \$150,000. Please consider a donation to help our students enjoy a Catholic Education – just like the one you were blessed to receive!

Thank you for believing in the mission of Holy Innocents!

School Year Highlights *Sr. Regina Mullen, Principal, I.H.M.*

A very big "Thank You" to our Teachers, Sisters and Administrators who have worked so tirelessly for our students and parents. Thanks to this hard work, our graduating class of 32 students earned \$93,000.00 in scholarships and financial aid for their high school education.

Thank you to the members of the Connelly Foundation for their very generous support of Holy Innocents School. Through the (CAP) Connelly Access Program, our children in grades four through eight had the opportunity to attend wonderful cultural events, shows, and museums. Bus transportation was also provided free of charge for our students. In addition, two free assemblies for the whole student body were given.



The Titans of Technology

Our fifth and sixth grade students received weekly lessons in Hip-Hop dance. A visit to the Rock School of Dance was the culminating event for this enriching activity. This was, likewise, offered through the Connelly Foundation.

Here at Holy Innocents ACES, we celebrated our diversity. International Day helped the whole school be aware of the richness of different countries, native dress, and various foods particular to that country. Students spent hours researching their country, while our wonderful parents gave us a taste of their delicious specialties.



May Procession 2016

Christine Nguyen brought good news and great pride to our school by being chosen as the first place winner for the Office of Attorney General's 2016 Drug Free Calendar Contest. Her artwork was chosen out of 928 entries and was featured as the month of June in the 2016 calendar. Congratulations, Christine!

Our students had great fun in our extracurricular clubs such as Cooking, Chess, Checkers, Scrabble, and Yearbook.

Technology is of great importance in our school as our children continue to learn using I Pads. Our teachers continue to stay on the cutting edge also, as they attend workshops and learn from one another.

We thank our students who show their care for others by collecting money for the needy and those less fortunate than themselves.

Finally, the most important reason for our school is the religious formation of our students. Besides learning about faith and doctrine, our students participate in Masses, Sacraments, Live Nativity, Living Stations, and the May Procession.



Live Nativity 2015



Holy Innocents A.C.E.S. Bob Ritchie Memorial Golf Outing 2016

Saturday, October 22, 2016

Juniata Golf Club, Philadelphia, PA

Registration Form

Please complete and return with payment by **September 30, 2016**

Check sponsorship level:

- \$2,000 Gold Event Sponsor – up to 12 Golfers
- \$1,000 Silver Sponsor – up to 8 Golfers
- \$500 Bronze Sponsor – up to 4 Golfers
- \$250 Hole Sponsor – up to 2 Golfers
- \$80 Individual Golfer (Includes Reception)
- \$30 Holy Inn Enthusiast (Non-Golfer) (Includes Reception)
- \$150 Tee/Green Sponsor (Non-Golfer) (Includes Reception)
- \$300 Food/Beverage Cart Sponsor (Non-Golfer) (Includes Reception)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

My desired foursome grouping is as follows:

2. Name: _____

3. Name: _____

4. Name: _____

Wording for Acknowledgement:

To reserve your spot, please complete the REGISTRATION FORM and return it with your payment by **September 30th**. We will reserve spots on a first come, first served basis. Please register early as we expect to fill up this year!

Registration: 8:00 am ~ Shotgun Start: 9:00 am
Sponsorships Available please see website or pricing brochure
Awards ~ Skills Contest ~ Raffles ~ Reception

To register please return registration form to:
Holy Innocents, 1337 E. Hunting Park Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19124
Or visit BobRitchie.HolyInnocentsACES.org

Questions? Call Linda: (215) 743-2600
or email: development@holyinnocentsrc.org
Proceeds directly benefit the students of Holy Innocents!