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SAINT CATHERINE CENTER FOR *Special Needs*

Mass to Celebrate 20th Anniversary

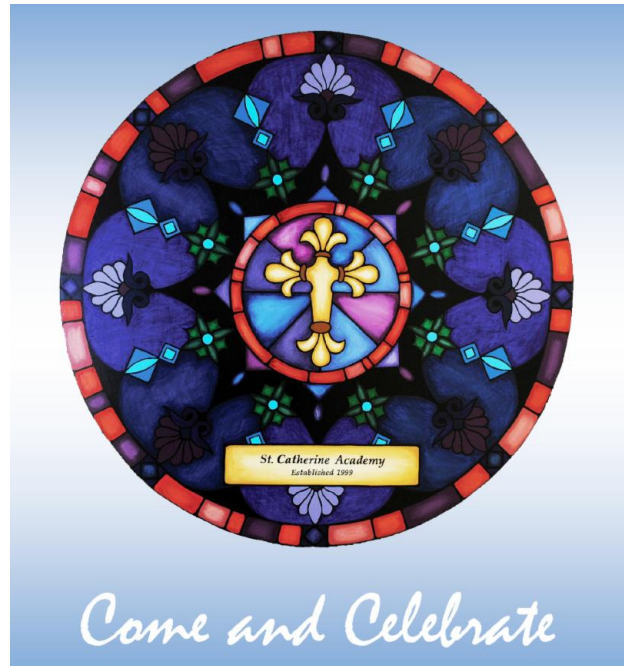
Join us for a special Mass
to celebrate 20 years
of offering the gift of purpose
to young people with disabilities

Sunday, September 22, 2019
2 p.m.
Saint Catherine Center, Fairfield

Bishop Frank Caggiano will celebrate this special Mass, along with Msgr. Robert E. Weiss, Pastor of St. Rose of Lima Parish in Newtown and Saint Catherine Center board member.

A reception will follow the celebration.

Please RSVP to
Mass@StCatherineAcademy.org
by September 16th, or call 203-540-5381.



We Couldn't Do It Without Them...

As we celebrate 20 years of service, we want to acknowledge two generous organizations that have continuously supported the Center through dedicated volunteerism and fundraising. The **Knights of Columbus**, whose good works are based on four core principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism, has raised funds for Saint Catherine Academy each year through tootsie roll drives, sponsoring our Annual Dinner, and individual Council Support.

Whether it's painting our hallways, bringing Santa to meet the students at our annual Christmas Pageants, or inviting us to participate in their Christmas Tree Festival, the generous members of the many councils who support us always bring with them a spirit of charity and love-of-neighbor. (Not to mention that two staff



members in our Adult Program are Knights—Richard Silva and Pat Gorman, pictured.)

We are also grateful for our partnership with the **Order of Malta**, whose mission to live out the Gospel message that all of God’s children matter is embodied in projects that have long been an important part of the Saint Catherine Academy curriculum. Each week during the school year, Malta members Jeanie Tisdale and Virginia Dwyer-Aoyama (pictured at the 20th Anniversary Dinner with Helen Burland) and their team of volunteers orchestrate a lively library session for our students, encouraging a love of reading and story-telling. They also keep the books organized and updated, and bring in other members to help as necessary.

The Order of Malta also initiated PB&J Fridays—our monthly community service project. Along with other volunteers, the group coordinates and purchases supplies and works alongside the students, making about 300 sandwiches each month for Thomas Merton Center. Every year, we have been the recipient of a grant from the Order of Malta in support of a project at Saint Catherine Academy. Finally, the Order has encouraged its membership to generously support our efforts through annual giving and the Annual Dinner.

We’d also like to offer a shout-out to some new supporters of Saint Catherine Center this year—**The Ernest & Joan Trefz Foundation** and **The Bannow Larson Foundation**.

We thank all of these folks and the many other individuals and organizations who support our mission. We couldn’t do it without you!



Save the Date!

Support Saint Catherine Center while enjoying an evening of “**Sip & Shop**” at **J. McLaughlin Darien**

Thursday, September 26, 2019
6-8 p.m.

1020 Boston Post Road, Darien

15% of the proceeds raised will benefit Saint Catherine Center



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