

## Steering Committee

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The Adopt A Student program is now in its 18th year. In 1989, the late Bishop Timothy J. Harrington stated in an article in the Catholic Free Press that he had a dream. The dream was that the generosity of committed benefactors would help families demonstrating financial need to send their children to Catholic Schools. The late William O'Brien became Chairperson of the Program and a Steering Committee was formed. Mr. O'Brien talked about issues of social capital and the need to provide financial assistance to those who seek a Catholic education grounded in academic excellence and rooted in Gospel values. Since its beginning the program has been coordinated almost entirely through the efforts of volunteers. Bishop Harrington's dream along with hard work of that first group of volunteers inspired the creation of bylaws, and Scholarship eligibility guidelines. During the first year, 16 students received \$23,000 in scholarships. The groundwork for growth was in place. Since 1989, from a dream to reality, 859 scholarships have been awarded totaling more than \$2 million. Program alumni have been accepted at and are attending or have graduated from colleges and universities such as: Assumption, Boston College, Clark, Cornell, Holy Cross, Princeton, Seton Hall, University of Massachusetts, University of New Hampshire, and many others.

## Our Mission

Provide scholarship awards to students whose families would otherwise be unable to send their children to Central Catholic Elementary and Secondary schools in the Diocese of Worcester. Scholarships would be presented to students who are not only academically qualified but specifically seek an education in the tradition and environment of Catholic schools, thus providing society with people of faith and strong moral values.

## How are the scholarships funded?

Adopt A Student scholarships have been funded entirely through direct donations, interest from growing endowment funds and proceeds from events. Over the years, those events have varied from raffles, fashion shows and a dinner with famed investment manager Peter Lynch. The signature fundraiser for the program has been the annual golf tournament.

## How does the process work?

After the Selection Committee reviews applications and awards the scholarships, the Liaison Committee meets with the students every quarter to review progress in their academic and extracurricular activities and offer guidance and encouragement.

## What is required of the student and their parents or guardians?

Students accept scholarships with a few requirements attached. First the scholarship recipients must strive to reach their full academic potential. Second, their behavior must adhere to the school's code of conduct. Third, every student is expected to become involved in a school activity. It may be a school club, student government, annual musical or sporting activity. Their parents or guardians must pay a small percentage of the tuition and agree to assist the school in various activities.

Members of the Steering Committee have witnessed many students thrive once they find their niche. Part of their commitment is to give something back to their school outside the classroom.

## Lunches at St. Peter Central Catholic Elementary School in Worcester

This was the very first event that was held to promote an understanding of the program. Members of the Steering Committee have invited friends or business associates to a luncheon. A brief explanation of the program was provided along with a tour of the school led by students.

Once people heard the message of what their support could accomplish, visited the classrooms and met the students, the vast majority provided support to Adopt A Student. These have been very successful, and we have two more of these luncheons scheduled for 2007. The dates are:

- September 6, 2007
- November 8, 2007

We invite you to consider attending one. **See the contact information on the enclosed card.**

### Our Single-Best Annual Fund Raiser

The Golf Tournament will take place on August 27, 2007 at the Wachusett Country Club. Michael Coogan will coordinate our effort again this year. We will strive to make the 2007 Tournament our most exciting ever. Whether you are a golfer or one of our rock-solid supporters of the tournament, **GET READY!** The Golf Committee is planning another big event this year and will be looking for your help. Expect to see more information regarding the tournament in the near future.

### The Seton Legacy Foundation

The Seton Legacy Foundation was established in 2006 and is a new area for growth in our program. The concepts of the Foundation are:

- Provide individuals with an opportunity to create a lasting legacy of commitment to the program.
- Each year 80% of a Seton Legacy gift is deposited into an interest bearing account and the income is directed to the current year scholarship award for a student, while the remaining 20% is placed in a growth account to ensure the future growth of the endowment.

In our first few months since initiating the Seton Legacy Program, and with very little promotion as yet, we have our first three Seton Legacy members. We are thrilled!

### Annual Adopt A Student Dinner

We are planning a social gathering that may include a dinner and auction in the fall to celebrate our long-time supporters and to inspire others to join our stewardship effort. We hope to have a renowned speaker for this event. This past year we had a dinner honoring the life long commitment of Bishop Rueger in our diocese and to education. It was an incredible evening and a standing room only affair.

### The foundation of Adopt A Student

All the planning and dreaming of what could be is meaningless without you. The support we receive from you is the foundation upon which we can continue to offer

assistance to these students. **We ask that you consider a gift of support to the Program.** If you are unable to at this time, remember our effort in your prayers. A response card is included.

It's an exciting time for Catholic schools and for our Adopt A Student program. As we embark upon the 2007 effort, the financial burden on families seeking to send their children to our Catholic schools has only intensified and the need for assistance from Adopt A Student has become even more apparent. The great life changing good that it has provided to students of the program cannot be over stated.

The Adopt A Student Program Steering Committee extends our gratitude for your commitment to the program and welcomes new participants. Scores of young men and women have received a quality and Catholic education through your generosity and commitment to the spirit of stewardship, an opportunity that would otherwise be unattainable for them. They are truly benefactors of your kindness.

Please be assured, as we work together, that our greatest accomplishments still lie ahead of us. It's an exciting time for Catholic schools and for our Adopt A Student Program.

### *IN MEMORIAM*

The members of the Adopt A Student Steering Committee extend our thoughts and prayers to the entire Kervick family on the recent deaths of Dorothy and Paul Kervick. The commitments of Dorothy and Paul and the Kervick family to the Adopt A Student Program cannot be overstated. They have provided steadfast support for the Adopt A Student Program financially, and in addition, Dorothy, as member of the Steering Committee, spent hours in meetings and working with students. Much of what is accomplished is a testament to their generosity.

### What schools do we support?

Holy Name Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School  
St. Peter Central Catholic Elementary School  
St. Peter- Marian Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School  
St. Bernard's Central Catholic High School