

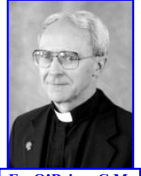


Our Lady of Angels Association

Devotion to Mary ~ Assisting the Poor ~ Education of Seminarians & Clergy

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Fr. O'Brien, C.M.

Newsletter

Dear Friend of Our Lady of Angels,

I would like to express my sincere thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Lady of Angels Association. I realize you receive many requests for help, most from worthwhile causes. Thank you for making Our Lady of Angels Association one of the causes you support.

Your generosity enables the Association to continue its good works of spreading devotion to Our Blessed Mother, under the title of Our Lady of Angels, and helping the Vincentian Community with the education of priests and seminarians. The Association also assists those Vincentians and Daughters of Charity who are working with, and for the poor.

I ask that you pray for the other members of the Association and for their intentions. We can all use the support that comes from the prayers of others. I will continue to remember you and your family in my Masses and prayers.

May God through the intercession of Our Lady of Angels, bless you and your loved ones with His love, joy, and peace.

We respect your privacy. Please be assured Our Lady of Angels Association does not trade, sell, or give your name and address to any other organization.

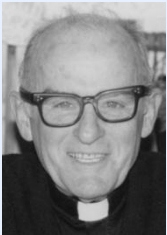
Devotedly in Mary,

Fr. William J. O'Brien, C.M.

Rev. William J. O'Brien, C.M.

Executive Director

In Memory of Stephen J. Kennedy, C.M.



Brother Steve

I would like to share with you the story of how one of our Vincentian Brothers spent close to 45 years serving the poor and needy in the Niagara Falls/Buffalo area of Western New York.

Brother Stephen J. Kennedy, C.M. entered the Congregation of the Mission in 1957 after serving in the Navy during World War II and spending several years as a taxi driver in his home town of Philadelphia. In 1963 he was assigned to Niagara University in Western New York where for the next 25 years he acted as the postmaster of the University's Post Office.

While fulfilling his duties as postmaster, he spent countless hours volunteering at a soup kitchen and a homeless shelter run by the Catholic Worker. He tutored disadvantaged elementary and high school students and started a program to teach African American history in local churches and in the Niagara county jail. He was also actively involved in bringing a literacy program to the area's maximum-security prison.

In 1987 he established the St. Vincent de Paul Center of Niagara University. After retiring from the Post Office in 1988, he dedicated all his time to working for the poor. Under his direction, the center distributed millions of pieces of clothing, furniture, and food stuffs to disadvantaged families in Niagara Falls and on the Tuscarora Indian Reservation. He enlisted the poor themselves in his work as well as numerous University students.

Brother Steve died on Monday, September 26th, in Saint Catherine's Infirmary located at St. Vincent's Seminary in Philadelphia. He was 84.

Many Vincentian priests and brothers are working to improve the spiritual and material needs of the poor. Our Lady of Angels Association is pleased to be able to assist them through the funds it raises. The Association's funds help support various food banks and soup kitchens, help provide emergency assistance to meet medical and utility bills, rent and other material needs, provide tuition assistance to needy parents who desire a Catholic education for their child or children. Other programs receiving assistance are those that offer religious education programs for both children and adults.

**Would you consider making a donation in memory of Brother Steve?
Your gift would enable other Vincentian Priests and Brothers
to continue his work in meeting the needs of the poor.**

Special Angel



Dr. Melvin Dyster

Each year, Our Lady of Angels Association recognizes a member of the Association who, in the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul, serves the needs of the poor in his or her community. As a trusted physician in the city of Niagara Falls, NY, a dedicated husband and father and tireless volunteer, Dr. Melvin B. Dyster has devoted his life to helping others. To assist migrant workers in Niagara County, Dr. Dyster initiated medical visits for migrants. Nurses would go out to a migrant camp on Tuesday evening and Dr. Dyster would go out to the camp on Wednesday evening with the necessary medicine and other medical interventions. The program grew and a Mobile Health Van was added in 1993.

The Medical Reserve Corps was started by Dr. Dyster in 2004. It is made up of doctors, nurses and volunteers totaling 83. Its purpose is to mobilize volunteers to help the local health department during emergencies including national disasters and terrorism.

A daily communicant, Dr. Dyster's life is a testimony to his faith. We find in Dr. Dyster the model of what we aspire to be. Still making house calls to those who are bedbound, it is safe to say that this compassionate and selfless man has helped countless others known only to himself.

Christmas Masses

Our Lady of Angels Association has available beautiful, new **Christmas cards**. They are a wonderful way to remember those you love in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. If you would like your **deceased loved ones** remembered in our Christmas Masses, I will be happy to send you an intention form. Christmas Cards, intention forms (or any of our **enrollment cards**) are available by calling the office at 1-800-575-9956.



Our Lady of Angels Association offers **Padded Mass Folders** for Perpetual Enrollment, Gregorian Masses, Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Wedding and Wedding Anniversary. Enroll your loved ones in the Twelve Annual Novenas of Masses for an offering of \$25.00 for each folder. Each set includes a padded leatherette folder (6 1/2" x 8 9/16") with matching envelope and image of the Blessed Mother. Acetate protectors shield the certificates.

For more information and insert selections visit our website
www.ourladyofangels.net or contact us at:

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MONTHLY GIVING PROGRAM

Your generosity enables the Association to continue its good works of spreading devotion to Our Blessed Mother and assisting the Vincentian Community with the education of priests, brothers and seminarians. Through **Vincentian Charities**, we are able to staff and /or support many ministries aiding the poor and marginalized. Please consider joining our **Monthly Giving Program** to ensure continuance of these charitable works.

My monthly donation will be: \$15 \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 Other \$ _____

I will send a check each month. I will be provided envelopes to have on hand
OR

Credit Card - We will automatically charge your card on the first of each month.

Please charge my monthly gift to my   

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