



Our Lady of Angels Association

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

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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.

Devotedly in Mary,

Father O'Brien, C.M.

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

Executive Director

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.

Through your generosity, the Vincentian Community is able to staff and/or support many ministries. Below are examples.

Seeds of Hope



Two of our Vincentian priests, Fathers Joseph Fitzgerald, C.M. and Teodoro Justavino, C.M., are working with the indigenous Ngabe people in the mountain area of western Panama. Their sacramental ministries embrace the poor country people living in 50 or more villages in the region. The people in this rural mountainous area live in extreme poverty. In order to help them become self-sufficient and to improve their living conditions, the priests have started a program called "Seeds of Hope." This program involves the families themselves to make the program a success.

Central to the program is an "organic agricultural project" that involves animal breeding, tool sharing, rain water harvesting systems, family seed loans, and reforestation efforts. Another part of the program is the building of tilapia fish ponds. Many of the "Seeds of Hope" projects have proved very successful. As a consequence, the living conditions of the people have improved.

Fathers Fitzgerald and Justavino thank those who have sent donations supporting this program. They ask that you pray for its continued success. If you would like to contribute to the program, you may send your offering to Our Lady of Angels Association ear-marked "Seeds of Hope Program."

Soup Kitchen Appeal

I thank all those members who supported our **SOUP KITCHEN APPEAL**. As a sign of my gratitude, I have offered a Triduum of Masses for you and your intentions.

Your contributions will help support the various soup kitchens and food pantries which receive funds from **Vincentian Charities**. At this time of year, the demands for these services are great. As Pope Francis mentioned in one of his weekly messages: "When you meet the needs of the needy, your heart grows bigger."



Stay Connected

A day doesn't pass when we see someone communicating on their smart phone. It seems that more and more individuals are using smart phones, iPads, laptops or computers to converse. Long gone are the days of sitting down to write a warm, kind note to a friend in longhand. Although I often use the U.S. Post Office, I realize that many of our members prefer the latest technology. If you prefer, Our Lady of Angels Association makes available the following ways to correspond with us.

Email - Drop us a line anytime at novena@niagara.edu.

Website - For individuals who want to connect with Our Lady of Angels Association on line, you can visit us at www.ourladyofangels.net. On our website, you can order enrollment cards, arrange for Masses for your loved ones, request prayers for healing and much more. For many, it is a convenient way for you to keep in touch with the Association.

Facebook - Many donors use Facebook to connect with family, especially those that live far away. We love to see photos of siblings, children or grandchildren. With your help, Facebook can also be used as a means of getting our message out to Catholic individuals who are looking for spirituality, healing or prayers. I ask that if you are on Facebook, you would "like" or "share" our page with your friends. Go to: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Our-Lady-of-Angels-Association/74821069907>. This will be a great help in introducing the Association to those who may not know of us.

Twitter - You can follow us on Twitter: @OurLadyAngels Keep up with the Association's news, current appeals and spiritual quotes.

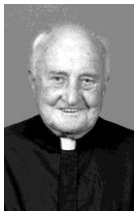
Texting - You may text your intentions for our ongoing Novenas to **716-550-1909**. Please send us your cell phone number is you would like notifications when the Novenas begin.

Telephone - Please remember that we have a 24/7 prayer line for your prayer petitions. I encourage you to call during office hours to speak with a caring individual who will help you in any way necessary. The phone number is **1-800-575-9956** or **716-754-0035**.

Contact us in any way you like. We love hearing from you!

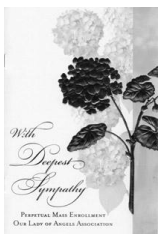


Reverend Peter D. Goldbach, C.M



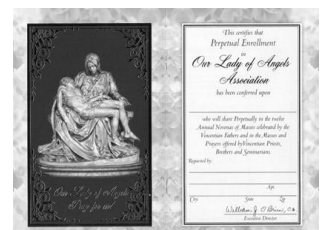
FATHER PETER GOLDBACH, C.M. a Vincentian priest for one month and four days shy of 69 years died on April 30, 2013 at the age of 101. Father's love for his years as a priest can be summed up in the statement he made: **"You know being a priest is all about God working through me. He needs people on earth to do His work, and I have been privileged to be one of His workers for so many years. I know that I've brought many people to God and helped them to get back on the road to heaven. Nobody and I mean nobody could ask for a better life than that!"**

New Perpetual Mass Enrollment Card for the Deceased



Our Lady of Angels Association has designed a **NEW perpetual Mass enrollment card for the deceased**.

In the past, a number of our members have requested a perpetual Mass enrollment card that can be used specifically for the deceased. It is in response to these requests that we now offer such a card.



When designing the card, we hoped to provide one that would be both spiritually comforting as well as uplifting. Jesus As believers in Christ, we are comforted by the knowledge that, through His own suffering death and resurrection, He destroyed the power of sin and death for us. While we grieve the loss of loved ones, we can be consoled knowing that they are now present with God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit -- for all eternity.

To request a card please call our office at **1-800-575-9956** or visit www.ourladyofangels.net.