



HEART TO HEART

DECEMBER 2021



A foundation providing scholarships to individuals studying to be Missionaries of the Sacred Heart priests and brothers.

A Christmas Story



This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”). When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus. (Matthew 1: 18-25)

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told. (Luke 2: 1-20)

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: “But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.” Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.” After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route. (Matthew 2: 1-12)

***From our family to yours,
Wishing you a very Blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year!***

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## Election Results

On September 21, 2021, the annual meeting was held at the Annual Benefit Dinner. The results of the election are as follows:

Nominated and elected for a three-year term ending December 31, 2024, were Julie Hutchins, William Caprara, Patrick Signor, Nancy McCabe and Rose Busler.

Thank you for continuing to serve on the Sacred Heart Foundation board and giving of your time and talent to fulfill our mission.



**Sacred Heart Foundation**  
**Frank Caprara Memorial Golf Tournament**  
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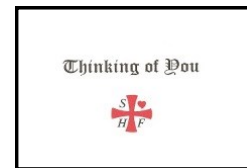
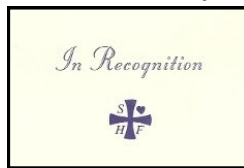
## Tax Statements

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## President's Remarks



What a year 2021 has been! All I can say is thank you. I know that I thank you all the time, but I cannot think of a better way to express my gratitude. We started year two of the pandemic with nothing but questions and high hopes. The golf committee and the annual benefit dinner committee had to decide if they would plan as usual or cancel as we did in 2020. I want to thank both committees for having the courage to plan and not letting the unknown stop them. Both events happened, and they were the best we've hosted. This year, the Foundation was able to increase its scholarship amount to \$95,000. This amount was awarded to 84 recipients from 8 different countries/MSC provinces. The total amount of money awarded since the Foundation's inception has now reached \$2.14 million. We continue to help many students worldwide, and we are expecting another increase next year. Again, I need to say thank you because you all make our mission possible. Our board member, Tom Bruno, created the daily December cash raffle last year, and it turned out quite successful; because of this success, we have decided to host it again this year and expect it to be better than ever. As I finish my term as President of the Foundation, the one thing I have learned is that without the commitment and dedication of the Board of Directors and the Honorary Council, my job would have been impossible. They have and will continue to make everything happen. Also, I would be remiss not to thank Sabrina Rizzo-Moots for everything she does. She is the day-to-day force behind the Sacred Heart Foundation. Let's make 2022 the best year ever for the Sacred Heart Foundation.

*-Daniel Villa*

## Welcome Back



**Frank Reff** is a lifetime resident of Watertown and member of the Sacred Heart Parish. He graduated from IHC, from Albany College of Pharmacy with a BS in Pharmacy and from Union College with an MBA in Health Systems Administration. He has worked for Kinney Drugs as a pharmacist for over 20 years. He also serves as a preceptor for Albany College of Pharmacy. An avid outdoorsman, Mr. Reff enjoys backpacking, canoeing, hunting and fishing. He is actively involved with the Boy Scouts of America and presently serves as Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 23 at Sacred Heart, an Associate Advisor for Venture Crew 2 in Brownville, and the advisor for the Order of the Arrow contingent for NOAC 2012. Frank first joined the Sacred Heart Foundation Board of Directors in 2012. He served as board secretary as well as chairman of the dinner committee. Although being off the board for the past year, Frank remained an active Sacred Heart Foundation Member, and continued his role as dinner committee chairman by organizing and planning the very successful 2021 annual benefit dinner. We are excited to, once again, have him as part of our team.

## Farewell to Board of Directors



**Jayme St. Croix** joined the Sacred Heart Foundation Board of Directors in 2013. While on the board, Jayme served a term as Foundation President. He was also a member of the publicity/newsletter and membership committees. Jayme was an active board member and great supporter of the Foundation. He will be sorely missed. We thank him for his time and wish him well on his future endeavors.

## Annual Individual Membership is \$10/person

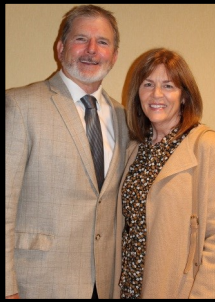
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- \* *Remembrance in the daily prayers and good works of MSC's*
  - \* *Membership Card*
  - \* *Newsletters*
  - \* *Eligibility to vote at the annual meeting*
- \* *Every membership supports our mission of providing financial assistance to MSC students*





# 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Dinner





## **Bishop Douglas J. Lucia and Bishop Terry LaValley Honored**



The Sacred Heart Foundation had the pleasure of recognizing Bishop Douglas J. Lucia and Bishop Terry LaValley at this year's annual benefit dinner for their continuous support and service to their flock during the pandemic. Bishop Terry LaValley was unable to attend the dinner, therefore Fr. Joseph Morgan, VG received the plaque on his behalf. Please join us in honoring and thanking the Bishops.

## **Patrick Pearson Honored**



The Sacred Heart Foundation also had the pleasure of recognizing Patrick Pearson at this year's annual benefit dinner on his appointment to the Honorary Council. Patrick served on the Sacred Heart Foundation Board from 1993-1998. Although off the board since then, Patrick has remained a consistent supporter of the Foundation. He is a member of St. Patrick's Church in Watertown. Please join us in welcoming Patrick to the Foundation's Honorary Council.

## **Named Scholarships**

*We here at the Sacred Heart Foundation were proud to announce our 58<sup>th</sup> and 59<sup>th</sup> named scholarships at the Annual Benefit Dinner:*

***“Fr. Ronald Larkin, MSC Memorial Scholarship”***

***“William J. Jr. & Mary E. Flynn Memorial Scholarship”***

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## **Thomas J. Bruno Honored**



The Sacred Heart Foundation had the pleasure of recognizing Thomas J. Bruno at this year's Annual Benefit Dinner in appreciation for his many years of outstanding support and service to the Sacred Heart Foundation. Tom serves as chairman of the golf committee. Tom, along with the committee, has planned and organized the Foundation's annual tournament for the past several years. He and the committee have grown this tournament into one of the largest

and most successful tournaments in the Watertown area. Tom is currently serving as Past-President of the Foundation Board and is an active member of the dinner, publicity and nominating committees. Tom is a great asset to the Foundation Board and we are very blessed to have him. Please join us in congratulating Thomas J. Bruno.

## I am a 2021 Foundation Member!

These individuals and businesses have paid dues for their 2021 membership as recorded.

**Payments received from July 22, 2021 to November 15, 2021**

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*-Julie Hutchins*

*Membership Committee Chair*

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*In Loving Memory of all Sacred Heart Foundation members who have passed away this year. A prayer of remembrance was said at mass on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in their memory. They and their families are in our prayers.*

*May they rest in the Sacred Heart of Jesus.*

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4*





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Eric Disney Ngagoum Kengne is from Yaoundé, Cameroon. Eric tells us what attracted him to the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart “The mission to announce the love of God in the world, the simplicity of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart that I knew, this is what attracted me to the congregation of Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.” During his free time, Eric enjoys doing research on a broad range of topics and traveling. Some of his hobbies and interests are reading novels and working on machinery. Eric is in his first year of Theology.

Fritzner Chéry is from Oeste, Haiti. Fritzner tells us what attracted him to the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart “The Missionaries charisma, spirituality and way of life is what attracted me to them.” During his free time, Fritzner enjoys reading and socializing with his classmates. Some of his hobbies and interests are playing soccer, praying, watching television, internet research and listening to music. Fritzner is in his first year of Theology.



*Please keep Eric and Fritzner as well as all of our scholarship recipients in your prayers as they continue their studies. Thank you for all your support. It is through your donations that we are able to provide the financial support they need.*

### **Mission Statement**

*The Sacred Heart Foundation spreads the word of God by raising funds which provide financial assistance for the education of those studying to be priests and brothers of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart anywhere in the world.*