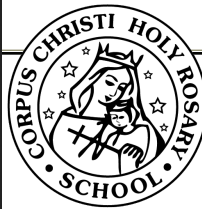


COMMEMORATIVE JOURNAL
Deadline: April 17, 2023



The 12th Annual Father Peter M. Rinaldi Awards Gala

Saturday, May 20, 2023

To benefit Corpus Christi Holy Rosary School

March 6, 2023

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Dear Friend:

Corpus Christi Holy Rosary School continues to shine a bright light on its students' lives – academically, socially, and personally. Thanks to generous benefactors, the 2022 Gala raised funds to enrich programs, technology, and curriculum, and provide vital financial aid. This year we add the renovation of the play areas to our goals. Our beloved former pastor, the late Fr. Peter M. Rinaldi, SDB, who inspires everything we do, would have been so pleased!

The 12th Annual Father Peter Rinaldi Awards Gala will be held on **Saturday, May 20, 2023, at the Tamarack Country Club in Greenwich, Connecticut**. This, our principal annual fundraiser, strives to raise much-needed funds to enhance technology, provide tuition assistance, and expand our curriculum and bring in additional resources for the girls and boys.

Our theme this year, **"Be an Anchor for Our Students in This World of Shifting Values,"** celebrates the Salesian Sisters' educational mission to young people that began more than 75 years ago in Port Chester. That mission prospers today, thanks to you. The anchor is the symbol of "hope," and, fittingly, our honoree this year is **Hope Vespia**, whose service and philanthropy to our school and the wider community are well known. Please turn the page and read more about this remarkable lady.

We invite you to place congratulatory notes, tributes, and advertisements in the evening's **Commemorative Journal**, which is a wonderful keepsake. We also invite you to consider one of the many **Sponsorship and Underwriting opportunities**. Please see the attached forms for details. All proceeds from the evening will directly benefit the students by directly funding CCHRS programs, tuition aid, and robust technology.

Invitations will be in the mail soon. **We hope to see you at the Gala, in person, on May 20!**

With gratitude,

Sr. Lise Parent, FMA, President

Deirdre McDermott, Principal

P.S. Don't delay! The deadline for Commemorative Journal submissions is April 17, 2023!



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Hope Vespia, Honoree

Service and charity have been the cornerstone of Hope Vespia’s life since childhood. From her earliest days witnessing and emulating these important personal traits, through a lifetime putting others first, Hope is a deserving Honoree of the 12th Father Peter M. Rinaldi Award.

Following the example of her dear mother, Mary, and father, Sam Passero – a personal friend of Fr. Rinaldi and past President of the Corpus Christi Parish Holy Name Society – Hope has served her community, friends and family with selflessness and great love.

In addition to working to advance the community, Hope volunteers with the Salvation Army as the Chairperson of the Advisory Board, on the Columbus Day Celebration Committee, and is known far and wide in her role as Town Clerk and formerly Receiver of Taxes for the Town of Rye for five decades.

Her professional role which she has carried out with compassion and professionalism has afforded Hope a glimpse into the financial struggles that some in the community face. That knowledge paired with her faith, are the impetus for her mission to better the lives of anyone she can help, that including the children of Fr. Rinaldi’s beloved Corpus Christi Holy Rosary School.

Thank you, Hope, for your outstanding example of service and charity, and for joining us to make this the BEST Gala ever to support our school and students!