

**COMMEMORATIVE JOURNAL
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THE 8TH ANNUAL FR. PETER M. RINALDI AWARDS DINNER

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018

TO BENEFIT CORPUS CHRISTI-HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL

February 1, 2018

Dear Friend:

The Corpus Christi-Holy Rosary School Family is pleased to announce that the Eighth Annual Father Peter M. Rinaldi Awards Dinner will take place on **Saturday, April 21, 2018** at **Willow Ridge Country Club** in **Harrison, NY**.

Our event celebrates the life and legacy of Father Rinaldi, founder of our school and former Pastor of Corpus Christi Parish, whose commitment to his faith and the Salesian approach to education continues to inspire generations of people today.

This year's theme, "**Anchored by Faith, Sailing Toward the Future**," celebrates the Salesian Sisters' educational mission to young people that began more than 70 years ago in Port Chester. That mission prospers today, thanks to you.

The Father Peter M. Rinaldi Award is presented to those who exemplify Father Peter's generous spirit through their gifts of time, talent and contributions to the Salesian family's mission to youth. There are five honorees this year. We are proud to salute their loyalty and love for our school and its students, and their selfless gifts of time, talent, and treasure to further our mission to young people in this community:

Sister Karen Dunn, FMA

Missy and Bart Didden

Emily Saunders

Please turn the page to read more about each of our honorees.

I invite you to send in congratulatory notes, tributes, and advertisements in the evening's **Commemorative Journal**, which will be a wonderful keepsake. I also invite you to consider the many **Sponsorship and Underwriting Opportunities** for our dinner. Please see the attached forms for more details. All proceeds from the evening will benefit Corpus Christi-Holy Rosary School programs, tuition aid, and operational funds.

Invitations will follow. I hope to see you on April 21!

With gratitude,

Mrs. Deirdre McDermott, Principal

P.S. The deadline for all Commemorative Journal submissions is March 26, 2018!

DINNER COMMITTEE

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This Year's Honorees

Sister Karen Dunn, FMA, is presently Directress of Novices in Newton, NJ. Shortly after graduating from Mary Help of Christians Academy in North Haledon, NJ, she began her formation in 1977 and made her first profession as a Salesian Sister on August 5, 1980. Sr. Karen has served Corpus Christi-Holy Rosary School first as the 8th Grade teacher from 2005-2006, and then as principal from 2009-2011. Under her superb leadership, the school flourished following a merger, formed an Advisory Board, created and executed Development and Student Recruitment efforts, and saw the annual Golf Outing commence. It was under her guidance that the Father Peter M. Rinaldi Awards Dinner was established to raise support for the school and its students. After a decades-long career as a teacher and school administrator, she took the helm as Provincial of the Salesian Sisters in 2011, serving for six years. Sr. Karen has always been an unwavering advocate and supporter of Corpus Christi-Holy Rosary School which has a special place in her heart. Her motto has always been, "Say it with a smile," which she has done in her assignments in New Jersey, New York, Louisiana, and Florida.

Missy and Bart Didden have been not only school parents (Matthew '01 and Brigid '02), they have been great friends and benefactors for more than two decades. Their participation at, and benevolence for, Corpus Christi-Holy Rosary School are indefinable, including patronage of the very first Father Peter M. Rinaldi Awards Dinner. A Port Chester native, Bart received his sacraments at Our Lady of Mercy Church where he was an altar server, and attended the parish school before graduating to Port Chester middle and high schools. Missy Christ Didden, born in the Bronx, attended Saint Nicholas of Tolentine School and Church before moving to Westchester. She continued her Catholic education at Saint Augustine School and The Academy of the Resurrection in Rye. Bart is the founder and CEO of U.S.A. Central Station Alarm Corp. and a Trustee for the Village of Port Chester. Missy, after a dynamic career in the corporate sector, serves as COO of Security Dealer Network. While enjoying life, Bart and Missy never miss the opportunity to support a wide number of charities and organizations serving Port Chester and the surrounding communities.

Emily Saunders has a long and storied career in education and community philanthropy. As one of Corpus Christi-Holy Rosary School's most devoted advocates, fundraisers, volunteers, and friends, Emily has impacted the lives of countless students by raising hundreds of thousands of dollars that have enhanced the school's technology, S.T.E.M program, physical plant, programs and academic resources. She also co-founded the After-School S.T.E.M program that has been a tremendous success. Emily graduated from Mercy College and began teaching high school Biology and Chemistry. She earned a Master's Degree from the University of Massachusetts and returned to Woodlands H.S. to teach, become the Coordinator of Heath Education, Coordinator of Grants and union President before an eight-year term as Principal of the Cardinal McCloskey School. Retirement allowed Emily to give back to the community. Working alongside Sr. Karen Dunn and the late Fr. Steve Schenck, SDB, Emily has been an invaluable asset to the Father Peter M. Rinaldi Dinner since 2009. She has made a tremendous impact for those served by the former Holy Rosary School, Caritas of Port Chester, S.P.R.Y.E and other local organizations.