

Noteworthy

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We're Making Music!

Eight Schools Receive Grants for Their Music Programs!

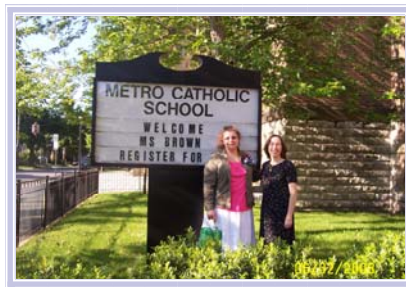
We are truly blessed! In the spring of 2008, The St Cecilia Foundation had the privilege of distributing our first set of grants. There were a total of eight recipient schools. The Foundation generated enough funds to donate more than \$5,500 to these schools thanks to your generous donations and the sales of our first CD, *The Angelus*.

Recipients last year included schools from Eastlake, Lakewood, Cleveland, South Euclid, Broadview Hts., Elyria, Highland Hts., and Doylestown, Ohio! We'd like to share with you a little bit of background about each of these worthy applicants:

Metro Catholic School

"Metro Catholic", located at 1910 West 54th Street in Cleveland, is the pride and joy of Sister Anne Maline, the school's Director, and Music Teacher Angelina Kerling.

Ms. Kerling had requested funds to purchase robes for the school Choir performances to, in her words, "benefit our students' character development by raising their cultural awareness and community awareness of the performing arts and humanities."



Metro Catholic School welcomes our visit!

Bravo, Ms Kerling! Those of you in the Sts. Stephen, Michael and Boniface parishes, please attend the next performance of the Metro Catholic Choir in their new Choir Robes!

Lakewood Catholic Academy

Located at 14808 Lake Ave., in the City of Lakewood, this school is one of Northeastern Ohio's "merger" schools. Three parish schools have come together to reate this dynamic coalition of teachers and students.

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OF NOTE:

The month of May, 2008 was a very busy month for the St. Cecilia Foundation. We had our second annual Board meeting at which time we chose the schools to receive funds for the 2008/2009 school year. We had multiple requests for assistance, but could only accommodate eight schools last year.

We also prepared for a wonderful event at The Western Reserve Historical Society located in the cultural heart of Cleveland's University Circle (also home to the world renowned Cleveland Orchestra at Severance Hall)!

The Foundation Chorus was asked to perform selections from The Angelus CD at the Grand Opening Gala Celebration of the Vatican Splendors exhibit.

The Foundation Chorus is comprised of twenty professional and amateur vocalists who volunteer their time and talents.

We were delighted for the oppurtunity to perform at this wonderful event!

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*The St. Cecilia Foundation Chorus
at the Historical Society*

The Chorus is directed by the fabulously talented and notable volunteer Choral Director, Michael Seredick. We are also very blessed to have the sublime soprano voice of Ms Mary Jane Carlin, our soloist, who graciously performs as a volunteer with the St. Cecilia Foundation Choir.

The Historical Society featured The Angelus CD in their Gift Shop for the duration of the Vatican Splendors exhibit, and more than 200 CDs were purchased there!

A NEW CD!

Ho, Ho, Ho! The St. Cecilia Choir is in the planning stages of a new CD for the 2010 Christmas Season!

We are thankful for the opportunity to bring you more quality sacred music which, in turn, makes possible work of the Foundation

Stay "tuned" for our progress reports!

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Their dedicated Director of Development, Ms. Debbie Baker and Principal Maureen Arbezniak had requested funding for



Lakewood Catholic Academy

portable music stands that the children could use at the school and take with them when they perform at parish and community functions. The children and parishioners of Sts. Clement, James and Luke Churches are able now to share the musical gifts of their band and choir "on the go"!

Mary Magdalene St. Justin Martyr

35741 Stevens Blvd., Eastlake. Children are singing and bells are ringing for Music Teacher Linda Novak! Mrs. Novak's request for tone chimes for her students was rewarded with a grant this past fall. The children of this school are enormously blessed to have a gifted twenty year veteran music teacher in Mrs. Novak! The set of two-octave chromatic Suzuki Tone Chimes purchased

with the grant money from the Foundation is "a dream come true!" for Mrs. Novak and the St. Mary Magdalene and St. Justin Martyr School Bell Choir!

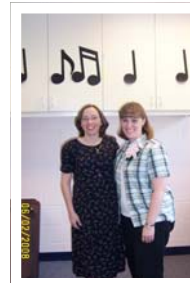


St. Mary Magdalene/St. Justin Martyr

Assumption Academy

A "Proud to be Catholic!" sign graces the lobby of this elementary school at 9183 Broadview Rd. in Broadview Hts.

Last spring, Music Teacher Suzanne Keller had asked the children to help her and grant writer Julie Kungl decide what their music program needed most. With the children's help, it was decided that a set of tone



Assumption

chimes and some sheet music for Christmas were at the top of their list. The children were absolutely thrilled to

learn that their request had been heard. They were delighted to discover that the decision that they had participated in had been approved and that their new sheet music and tone chimes would be waiting for them when they returned to school!

St. Paschal Baylon

At 5360 Wilson Mills Rd, Highland Hts., they 're euphoric over their new euphonium! The euphonium derives it's name from the Greek



St. Paschal Baylon

word "euphonos", meaning "sweet voice" or "beautiful sounding". It is a tenor-voiced brass wind instrument, most commonly heard in marching bands. Music Teachers Stephanie DeLine and Angela Perrine and the children of St. Paschal Baylon are making beautiful music now that they have a euphonium to complete their brass section!

SS. Peter & Paul School

From 169 W. Clinton St. in Doylestown, Dr. Caesar Carrino, President, and Pastor Fr Rob Stein came a request for funds to buy three guitars, so that their students could learn to play this instrument! Their goal is to become proficient enough to play the Guitar Masses for the school and Parish! We know we know you

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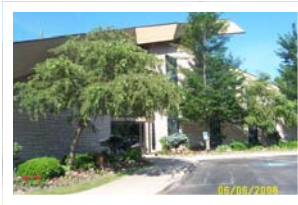
Secretary: Jean Conway

Trustees: Tom Conway, Jim Conway,

can do it, kids!

Saint Jude School

When celebrating the Mass at 594 Poplar Street Elyria, copies of the song lyrics on sheets of paper were handed out to those attending. Through the efforts of Intern. Aide Terry Ziegelmeier, the Foundation was able to provide funding for the purchase of brand new *Spirit & Song* songbooks!



St. Jude School

St. Gregory The Great School

At "Saint Greg's", located on South Green Rd. in South Euclid,



St. Gregory the Great Church and School

"The Angelus" CD was sold after Masses on Mother's Day. Enough money was raised from this sale to fund the purchase of the three guitars that had been on the wish list of music teacher Marilyn Freas for some time. "Congrats", and our thanks to the wonderful and generous parishioners who made this wish come true! We know that they will enjoy this musical gift for many years to come.

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A SAD NOTE:

One of our beloved founding St. Cecilia Foundation Chorus members, Joe Divis, passed away this month (April, 2009). Anyone who knew Joe, knew that he was a very special person with a heart of gold. He had a wonderful voice and a smile that was infectious. His favorite word was "Looovely", and he was never afraid to use it to make others feel special.

He was instrumental in preparing the choir for the original "Angelus" recording. He will be dearly missed by everyone who knew and loved him

THANK YOU!

Thank you so very much for your support! Your help is critical to our mission. We have already received many requests for assistance from schools this year.

Please consider sending a donation to help us give the gift of music to our children. Thank you!

Donations can also be made on-line by visiting the SCF website at: www.stceciliafoundation.org. THANK YOU!

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Please make check payable to: THE SAINT CECILIA FOUNDATION.
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_____ I can't help now, but please stay in touch!

_____ YES! I would like to support this wonderful cause.
Please accept my tax-deductible contribution of: \$ _____

The Saint Cecilia Foundation is a 501(c) (3) non-profit entity whose mission is "To support music and music education in Catholic Schools". We rely upon the generosity of our supporters, and the sale of our CD *The Angelus*, to continue this important work.

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