



OMPH School Scene

OMPH Presents Awards During Catholic Schools Week Mass

Each year during Catholic Schools Week, OMPH Catholic School recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the support of our school and to furthering Catholic education in our parish. This year, the **Friend of Our Mother of Perpetual Help School** and **Honorary Alumni of Our Mother of Perpetual Help School** awards were presented at the Catholic Schools Week Mass on Sunday, January 27th.

The Friend of OMPH award was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey and Colleen Purvis, familiar faces around OMPH Parish and School for the past 29 years. Mr. and Mrs. Purvis both attended Catholic elementary schools and graduated from Allentown Central Catholic High School. They have volunteered and supported the OMPH Benevolent Society and Food Bank. Mr. Purvis is a member of the Knights of Columbus and serves on the Parish Building Committee. He also was active with the Athletic Association and coached basketball. He is a big advocate and supporter of the school through the EITC business scholarship and golf outing sponsorship. Mrs. Purvis has served on the Development Committee and taught Health Education to grades 5-8. She has also served, chaired, or participated in numerous PTO and CYO activities. We extend our deepest gratitude for the commitment and support from Mr. and Mrs. Purvis over the years.



The Honorary Alumni of OMPH award was presented to Miss Margaret Gardner. The Catholic faith and Catholic education is her family and life's work. She is a life-long member of St. Joseph Parish in Lancaster, and a long-time member of OMPH Catholic School. Although she never attended OMPH as a student, she has served the community for over 45 years as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, and public relations director. She has received a number of awards including the Frederick F. Noel Distinguished Educator Award, the Pennsylvania Geographical Society Teacher Recognition and Distinguished Teacher Award, the National Council for Geographic Education Distinguished Teacher Award, and the Diocese of Harrisburg Golden Apple Award. In 2017, Miss Gardner was diagnosed with an advanced stage of cancer and underwent intensive treatment. She stayed involved behind the scenes helping Dr. Castner, who became the interim principal. After her year of chemotherapy, she retired as principal of OMPH Catholic School, but has remained active as our Public Relations Director. Her experience and expertise continue to be an invaluable source for our school. We are honored to consider Miss Gardner as an honorary alumni of OMPH Catholic School.

School Choice Week



OMPH School participated in School Choice Week from January 20th through January 26th, shining a positive spotlight on education options available to children and their families. Thank you to all families who have chosen



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