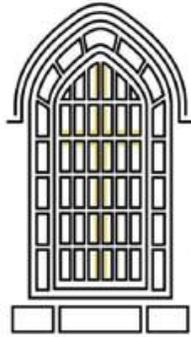


...And Now!



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ST. GILES SCHOOL

A window to excellence since 1928

Then...



The Sister Marie Imelda

Wilson O.P.

Giving Society

*Established to ensure the
vitality of St. Giles School
for future generations*



Sister Marie Imelda was a true innovator in children's education. Sister came to St. Giles in 1937 to begin our kindergarten. Her love was clearly reflected in her innovative teaching methods and carefully designed classroom. Sister Marie Imelda's unique teaching technique, an adapted Montessori method, gave St. Giles a special kindergarten. She was the editor of "Little Mine" children's magazine for fifteen years. She founded the National Catholic Kindergarten Association and was its first President. Sister was also a consultant in the establishment of kindergarten programs in both public and parochial schools throughout the United States. Sister Marie Imelda retired from St. Giles in 1976 and died at the age of 85 on September 8, 1991, at St. Dominic Villa in Dubuque, Iowa.

The Giving Society has been named in her honor.

CONTINUING THE LEGACY

St. Giles School was founded in 1928. The school has educated generations of students. For most of its history, it benefitted from the generosity and commitment of the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters. Their extremely reasonable salaries allowed tuition to be affordable for most families. Now it is our turn to demonstrate our commitment to Catholic education. Maintaining a high quality school today is much more costly, even though our dedicated lay teachers accept salaries significantly below what they could earn in public schools. Without ongoing operating support through fundraising, St. Giles would have to increase tuition by about \$700 per student. We are grateful to the loyal donors of the Sr. Marie Imelda Society, who make major annual donations to continue the legacy of Catholic education.

GIVING SOCIETY BENEFITS

The Convent Circle

Annual cumulative gifts of \$1,000*

The benefits are:

- ❖ Recognition in newsletters, the annual report and the St. Giles Arrow.
- ❖ Mass intentions remembered at the November Mass of Remembrance.
- ❖ Invitation to the annual Society Reception.

The Dominican Circle

Annual cumulative gifts of \$2,500*

The benefits include all those mentioned above, plus:

- ❖ Priority seating at the St. Giles School Christmas program.
- ❖ St. Giles School logo gift when you join, and each year upon at Christmas.

The Sr. Catherine Cecilia Circle, named after our first principal

Annual cumulative gifts of \$5,000*

The benefits include all those mentioned above, plus:

- ❖ Sponsorship of the classroom of your choice for a trimester with signage.
- ❖ Annual Mass in the School Chapel.
- ❖ Complimentary tickets to the annual Black & Gold Pride Benefit.

The 1928 Circle, named for the year our school was opened

Annual cumulative gifts of \$10,000*

The benefits include all those mentioned above, plus:

- ❖ Sponsorship of the classroom of your choice for the school year with signage.
- ❖ Private Sunday brunch in the Rectory with our Pastor and Principal.

* Cumulative gifts include donations to the Margaret Stewart Tuition Assistance Fund or any of the following fundraisers: Lion's Leap, Black & Gold Pride Paddle Raise, Annual Fund, Sister Marie Imelda Society and other occasional fundraising campaigns.