

...for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven

*Clelian Heights School for Exceptional Children
40th Anniversary Heart to Heart Banquet*

Clelian Heights Celebrates Forty Years of Service



A Family Affair



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Clelian Heights is to provide spiritual, educational, vocational and residential programs for children and young adults with developmental disabilities that enhance their quality of life and maximize their potential for independent living.

VISION STATEMENT

The vision of Clelian Heights is to provide an atmosphere of choice and mutual acceptance, respect, and love that will make a lasting difference in the lives of persons with developmental disabilities.



Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

April 11, 2002

Sister M. Adrienne Di Lonardo, ASCJ
Director
Clelian Heights School for Exceptional Children
RD 9 Box 607
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Dear Sister Adrienne,

How my heart rejoices with you, the staff, students, parents and many friends on this joyous occasion of the fortieth anniversary of Clelian Heights. It is truly a time to thank God for all the blessings he has bestowed on everyone who has been privileged to be a part of the Clelian Heights family.

As you well know, when I left Clelian Heights after fifteen wonderful years of service, first as a teacher and then as director, I made no secret of the fact that my heart would remain there and that each member of the school and religious community would always have a special place in my heart.

Time has not diminished my love and admiration for all of you. Rather, each visit strengthens my conviction that the compassion, caring and competence that are so central to Clelian Heights are not only alive but have deepened in your dedicated staff members, volunteers, families and benefactors.

In his address to the disabled during the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, the Holy Father Pope John Paul II stated: "In Christ's name, the Church is committed to making herself more and more a 'welcoming home' for you" (12-3-2000). Truly, Clelian Heights began and continues to be a "welcoming home", a place where together we welcome Jesus in one another and serve him with love.

I look forward to meeting with many of the past and present members of the Clelian Heights family at the upcoming celebration. To all, my love and constant prayer for God's continued blessings.

Sincerely in the Heart of Christ,

S. M. Clare Millea, ASCJ

Sr. M. Clare Millea, ASCJ
Provincial Superior

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Dear Friends of Clelian Heights,



It is often said that the seeds planted and nurtured today become the bountiful harvest of the future. How wonderful it is that forty years ago Sisters Celine, Atanasia, Geraldine and Maria planted the Clelian Heights seed that has grown for so many years. They took a leap of faith and established a school for children with developmental disabilities when little was being done for these children. Growth was neither swift nor easy, but it was constant and the pioneers were determined. Clelian Heights has grown from the small seed of a dream into a thriving community that today is referred to as the Clelian Heights family.

The steady hands of leadership from Sr. Celine, Sr. Maria, Sr. Clare and Sr. Rosemary and the staff that supported them transformed Clelian Heights from a cottage and white house with four students into a modern complex and programs capable of meeting the needs of 120 children and adults. Our two room schoolhouse has been transformed into a place that offers education and training from pre-school through high school for children and vocational training and job coaching for adults. The harvest from the seed planted forty years ago is bountiful and blessed.

There are countless people whom we honor in our hearts at this time: our parents, lay staff, benefactors, volunteers, all the sisters who have served at Clelian Heights and the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus who have supported the ministry of Clelian Heights in so many ways. We are grateful for all who have worked with us and for us to ensure that there is a place where each person is loved and respected simply for who they are - God's work of art - created in His own image.

As we look to the future, reaping the fruits of the past, we know we will continue to witness the daily miracles of growth and development in our children and young adults.

May the abundant blessings of the Sacred Heart be with all of you who are a vital part of the heart of Clelian Heights.

United in the Heart of Christ,

Sr. Adrienne Di Lonardo, ASCJ

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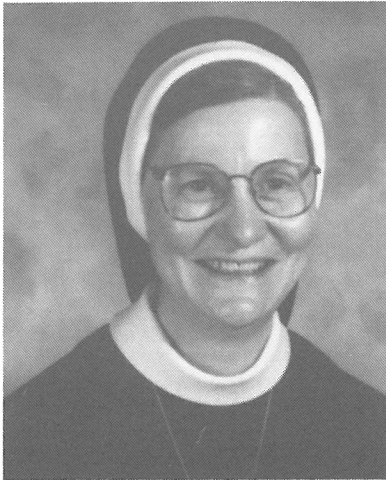
Bickel joined the bank in 1988 as Vice President and began managing the newly formed Charitable Trust Department of the Investment Management and Trust Division. His appointment marked the establishment of the Charitable Trust area as a separate department and line of business within the Trust Division. Bickel joined the bank after being in the non-profit sector for over 15 years. He brought a wealth of knowledge and experience from non-profits to his position as Department Manager. In mid year 2000, he designed and implemented the newly established Private Foundation Management Services Group, which is now offered on a national basis.

Bickel is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy where he received his B.S. in Electrical Engineering. After the completion of his service obligation, Bickel served as Vice President of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Kansas City, Missouri. Bickel also holds the Master of Divinity and Doctor of Theology degrees from Luther Rice Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia. Subsequently, he served as senior pastor of churches in Kansas and Illinois. He is also the recipient of an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Waynesburg College for his work with charities in the western Pennsylvania area.

Active in his local church and in the spiritual life of the greater Pittsburgh Area, Dr. Bickel serves on several charitable boards, and provides volunteer consulting to both local and national non-profits in the area of leadership, management and board development. In 2000, he was the recipient of the John Heinz Community Service Award for his work in the Pittsburgh area.

SR. MARIA BATTAGLIA, ASCJ

2002 Heart to Heart Honoree



Sr. Maria Battaglia was born and raised in St. Louis, MO. She met the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in her home parish when she was a girl. She felt called to religious life and left her family at a young age to become an aspirant in the religious community. She graduated from Sacred Heart Academy in New Haven, CT and later received her undergraduate degree in education with a minor in special education from Carlow College. She then attended Xavier University of Cincinnati, Ohio and earned a Masters in Education with a concentration in Montessori education.

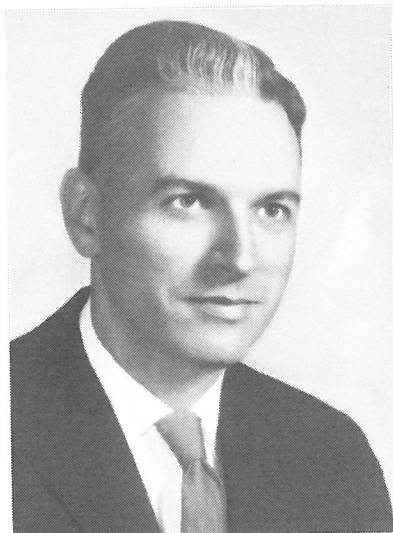
Sr. Maria Battaglia came to Clelian in 1961 as one of the four founding Sisters and welcomed her first class of four students on October 30, 1961. Soon the number of students began to increase and Clelian Heights was firmly established. Sr. Maria introduced and implemented the Montessori method of teaching in 1969. Sr. Maria was appointed Director of Clelian Heights in 1976 and served in this capacity until 1980. The program flourished and enrollment grew steadily under her leadership

Sr. Maria loves Clelian Heights. Everyone who has ever met her quickly learns about Clelian and her love for this ministry, and the children and adults who are part of it. Sr. Maria's gentle spirit and persistence miraculously transformed many a child who needed her support and guidance. She also touched the lives of many of the parents who came to Clelian apprehensively with their young children and left assured that they were in loving hands.

Sr. Maria is currently the administrator at Sacred Heart Manor in Hamden, Connecticut. Here she cares for the elderly and infirm sisters of her religious community. She also serves as a Eucharistic Minister at St. Raphael Hospital in New Haven, CT. Sr. Maria has given many years of her life in service at Clelian Heights. She is a blessing from the past whose prayers and love will help to sustain Clelian long into the future.

JOHN J. NAGY

2002 Heart to Heart Honoree



John J. Nagy, a graduate of West Homestead High School and Robert Morris College began his career with the Union Fruit Auction Company in 1949. His first jobs were in accounting, sales, and as the office manager. He retired as President of the company after 45 years in the "Produce Yards".

John has been a generous benefactor and friend of Clelian Heights since the mid-1950's when he first met Sister Maria and Sister Marietta at the "Produce Yards" while they were shopping for fresh fruit and vegetables. John retired several years ago, but he still rises before the crack of dawn to meet Sr. Marietta when she calls to say she will be going to the market. He makes sure that Clelian Heights receives the best produce the Pittsburgh Market district has to offer.

John resides in West Homestead with his wife, Elaine. He is enjoying his retirement and a slower pace of life. He spends time working in his garden, watching professional football and hockey games and he walks several miles a day to keep fit.

John Nagy was asked what motivated him to be such a loyal supporter of Clelian Heights for all these years. He responded that he and his wife feel that the work done at Clelian is very worthwhile. John has been supporting Clelian Heights from behind the scenes for as long as Clelian has been in existence.

EDITH L. TREES CHARITABLE TRUST

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The Edith L. Trees Charitable Trust derives its name and purpose from Mrs. Edith Lehm Trees and the provisions of her Will. Mrs. Trees was the widow of Joe C. Trees, an oil and gas exploration and production pioneer with his partner, Michael L. Benedum. Mr. and Mrs. Trees had one child, Joe Benedum Trees, who was born in 1931. In the language of the the 1930's, 1940's and early 1950's, Mrs. Trees' son was classified as severely mentally retarded. Mr. and Mrs. Trees kept their son with them in their family home through the death of Mr. Trees in 1943 and the death of Mrs. Trees in 1956. Joe Benedum Trees continues to reside at the Trees family home under the care of his Guardians and the supervision of the Orphans' Court Division of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County.

Influenced greatly by this very personal involvement with the care of her son and by her familiarity with the lack of suitable care generally available for persons with mental retardation in those years, Mrs. Trees established a charitable trust under her Will focused on the care, benefit and welfare of persons with mental retardation.

From its inception, the Edith L. Trees Charitable Trust has been administered by a corporate co-trustee and an individual co-trustee. The corporate co-trustee has evolved from Fidelity Trust Company to its current designation as PNC Bank, N.A. For many years the representative of the corporate co-trustee has been its executive vice president James M. Ferguson III. In recent years, J. Murray Egan, Esq., a member of the Trees family law firm, Weller, Wicks and Wallace, P.C., has served as the individual co-trustee.

Because of the complications in administering Mrs. Trees probate estate, the Trust she had created did not become operational until 1962. In that year, the Trustees made one grant of \$14,000 to Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. From this modest beginning the Trustees have been successful in increasing, gradually but steadily, the funds available to carry out the intentions of Mrs. Trees. By the end of the year 2001, the Edith L. Trees Charitable Trust had made grants to organizations interested in the care, benefit and welfare of persons with mental retardation in the cumulative total of \$36,600,000. The number of grant recipients in the year 2001 was sixty-six. Almost all of these organizations who have received distribution grants from the Trust have been located in Western Pennsylvania.

The Clelian Heights School for Exceptional Children, more widely known as Clelian Heights has been providing exceptional services to children and grownups with mental retardation for forty years. Under the supervision, direction and especially the example of the members of the Sisters of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, those services have been furnished by the staff, employees and volunteers with compassion and in a manner respectful of the dignity of each person they have been serving. These attributes have impressed the Trustees of the Edith L. Trees Charitable Trust for the past fifteen years, during which time the Trustees have made grants to Clelian Heights in excess of one million five hundred thousand dollars with confidence that they are carrying out Mrs. Trees' intentions.

THE KRYSTYNIAK FAMILY

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John Paul and Margaret Rose Krystyniak were busy running their business and raising their children, Theresa, John A., Patricia, Mark and Paul in the Mt. Pleasant area when they learned of Clelian Heights School for Exceptional Children. They read about the school in a newspaper article after the birth of their youngest son Paul, who was diagnosed with Down Syndrome. Fr. Stephen McCarren, their local priest, recommended Clelian, and at the age of six Paul became a residential student. Paul graduated from school in 1982 and began receiving vocational training at the Clelian Center. Paul remained at Clelian until 2001 when he moved into a group home that offers long term care.

John and Margaret Krystyniak immediately became involved in the activities of Clelian Heights. They supported Clelian by working at events, and they were always very generous donors. Mr. Krystyniak was also an active member of the Advisory Board for many years. The Krystyniak's concern for Clelian Heights was passed on to their children, especially John A. and Mark, who remained in the local area and have continually worked for the good of Clelian Heights. Theresa Krystyniak Gerson and Patricia Krystyniak Murray have been a part of the Clelian family from afar as they raised their own families in Toronto and Virginia.

John was a prominent businessman in the Mt. Pleasant and Greensburg areas until his death in 1994. Margaret was a graduate of Ducktown High School and Baroness Erlanger Hospital School of Nursing both of Tennessee and a member of the business community for many years. She is now retired and spends her time traveling, reading, gardening, walking and enjoying her eleven grandchildren and country living. She also is a member of St. Raymond of the Mountains, The Pastoral Council, Christian Mothers, Catholic Daughters of America, American Legion Auxiliary and FOCHO.

John A. Krystyniak is a resident of Mount Pleasant and the father of Nicole and Erica. He graduated from Geibel High School, Parks College and Penn State University, and he is the owner of the *County Market*. He is a member of the National Grocers Association and enjoys flying, golf and traveling. John initiated the JPK Classic in 1994 when his father was diagnosed with cancer. He wanted to honor his father in a way that would benefit the family's favorite charity. The JPK Classic is still held each year and has raised over \$80,000 for the Clelian Heights Endowment Fund.

Mark E. Krystyniak resides with his wife Kathryn and two sons, John and Joseph, in Mount Pleasant. Mark is a graduate of Kiskimantas Springs High School and St. Vincent College. He is the president of Pop 'N Brew and Hometowne Real Estate and the owner of M.K. Rentals. Mark is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club and the Elks. He enjoys working on new projects, spending time with his wife and children and golfing.

Mrs. Krystyniak has expressed her sentiments about Clelian in this way: "God works in mysterious ways and we will always be grateful to be a part of the family at Clelian Heights. Truly, we have been blessed over the years for the dedicated work of the Sisters and staff. May they continue this work for years to come."

SHIRLEY A. BERNACCHI

2002 Heart to Heart Honoree



Shirley A. Bernacchi was born on April 30, 1951 into the family of Ben T. and Eleanor B. Bernacchi. Shirley has two sisters, Ginger Armpriester and Linda Lazzaro, and she is an aunt to Adrian, Tony and Andy Armpriester and Jennifer and Scott Lazzaro. Shirley spent the early years of her life in La Porte, IN, but she has lived in Murrysville since 1965 when the Bernacchi's relocated.

Shirley graduated from Franklin Regional High School in 1971, and entered the adult training program at Clelian Heights in 1980. She was offered a job at Clelian Heights after she completed this program because the Sisters immediately recognized Shirley's excellent work skills and her conscientious

attitude. She has worked in many capacities throughout her years at Clelian Heights. Shirley currently works in housekeeping and in the main kitchen. She has been a valued member of the Clelian Heights staff since she was hired. Shirley has no plans of retiring in the future.

Shirley is known throughout Clelian Heights for her willingness to help whenever, wherever and whoever needs it. She never hesitates to offer her assistance even when it means taking on an extra workload. Shirley is a natural in public relations thanks to her outgoing and friendly personality. She often acts as a spokeswoman for Clelian Heights when she meets people who are unaware of the Clelian Heights ministry.

Shirley has a very active social life and she even finds time to volunteer at a local nursing home when she isn't working. She is a member of Hands of Friendship, a prayer group at St. John's, Delmont and the Clelian Singers. Shirley has many hobbies and interests such as crafts, sewing, music, dancing, parties, swimming and traveling. Shirley Bernacchi takes her Christian calling very seriously and she truly lives the words of the prophet Micah who calls all to, "Act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God."

*Congratulations and
God's continued blessings
on the Apostles of the
Sacred Heart of Jesus
for your faith and vision
that has made
Clelian Heights School
the everyday miracle
for forty years.*

Father William R. Rathgeb, Chaplain

*The Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
and the Cor Jesu Academy community
congratulate and wish*

God's continued blessings to the

Clelian Heights Family

as they celebrate

40 years

*of dedicated, caring service
to God's special children,
young adults and families!*

*Clelian Heights has stood the test of time for forty years.
We are proud to serve on the Advisory Board
of a program that meets the needs and enhances
the quality of life for children and adults
with developmental disabilities
in such a creative manner.*

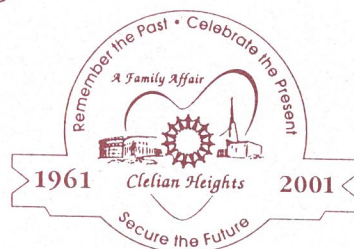
Congratulations to the honorees:

*Sr. Maria Battaglia, ASCJ
Shirley Bernacchi
The Krystyniak Family
Mr. John Nagy
The Edith L. Trees Charitable Trust.*

*Thank you for helping Clelian Heights
become the program that it is today!*

The Clelian Heights Advisory Board

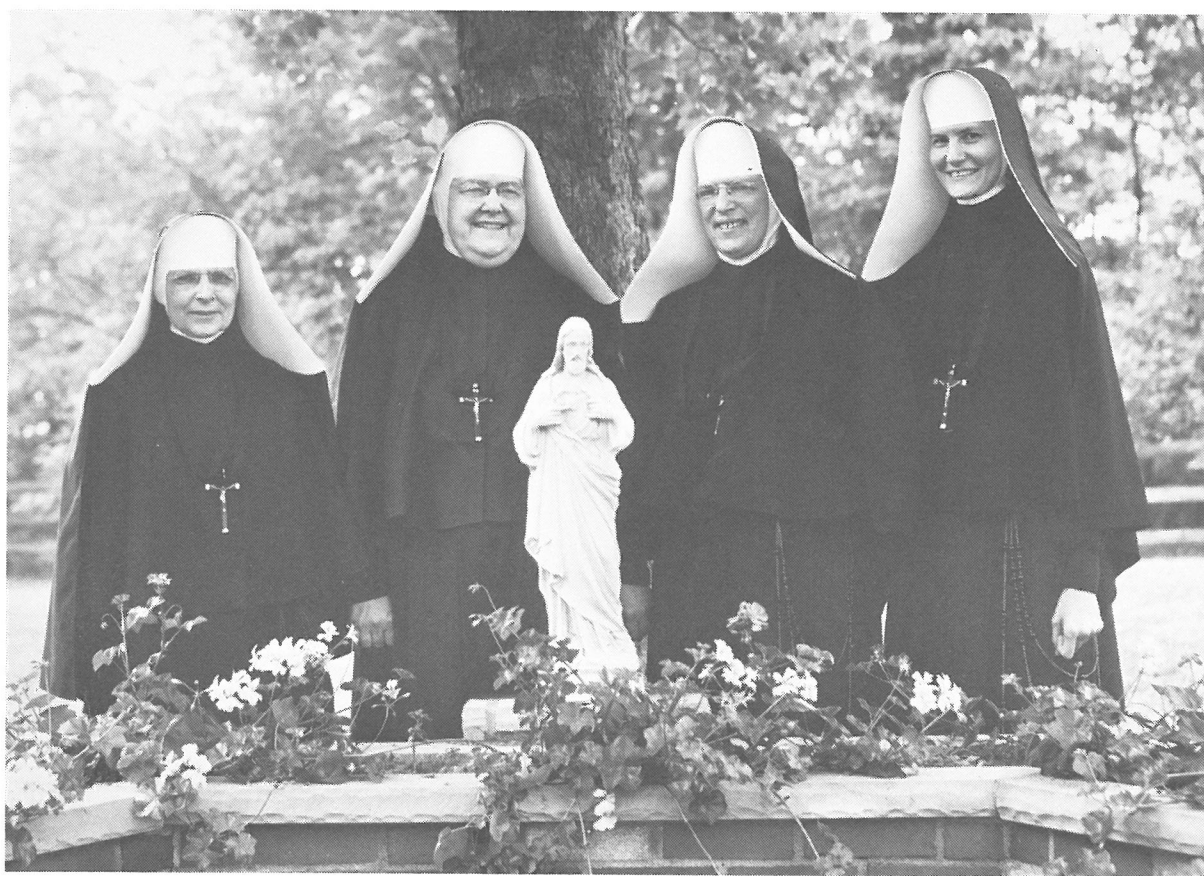
*Ben Bernacchi
Eleanor Bernacchi
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Charles Decker
Sr. Adrienne DiLonardo
Thomas Drozd
Mario Ferretti
Charles Glorioso
Alicia Harter
Robert Johnston*



*Brian Krupar
Philip Masciantonio
Rev. Donald Mondello
Sr. Linda Pettinella
Joseph Policastro
Rev. William Rathgeb
Carol Sue Rocker
F. Karl Vent
Lisa Vinck
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*Clelian Heights School for Exceptional Children
1961- 2001*

*Thanks to our Pioneer Sisters,
whose spirit of mission and trust,
first opened the doors of Clelian Heights
and still guides us today.*

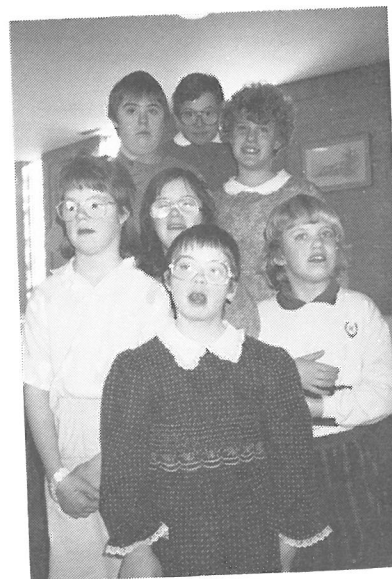


*Sr. Geraldine DiLorenzo, First Housemother
Sr. Celine Ruggeri, Founding Director
Sr. Athanasius Bartolus, Cook and Gardener
Sr. Maria Battaglia, First Teacher*

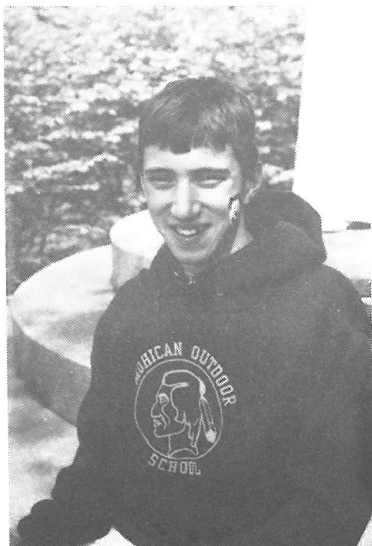
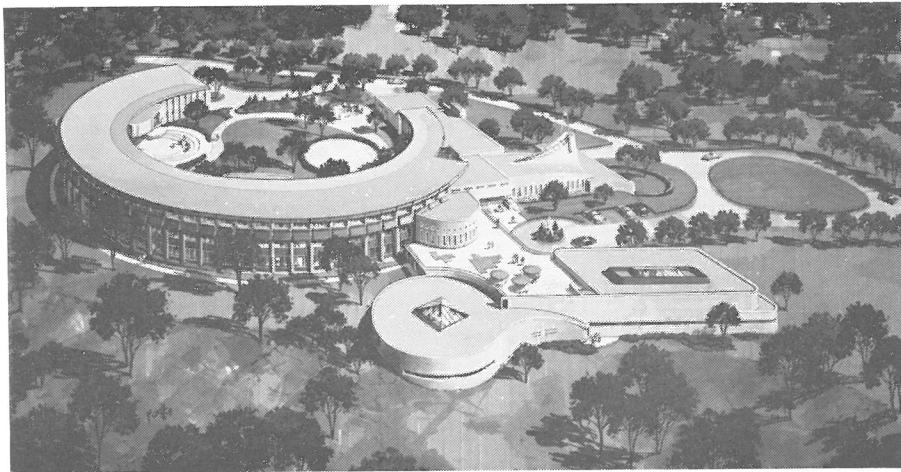
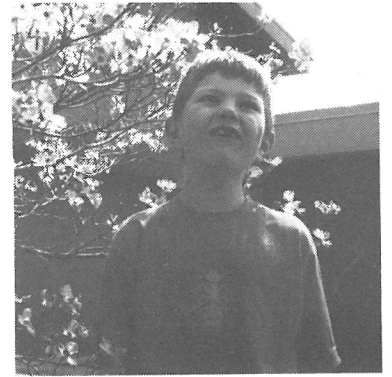
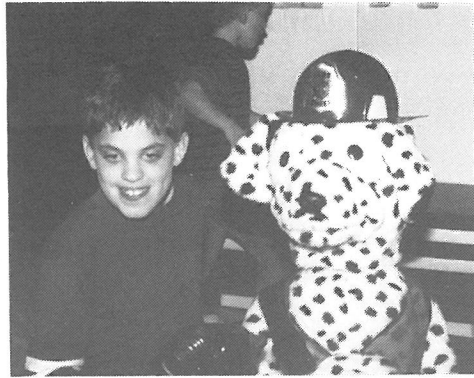
"Trust in God and you will see miracles." Mother Clelia Merloni

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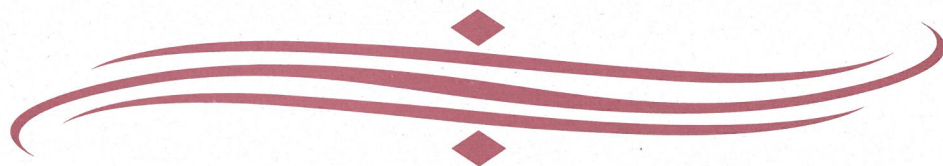


~ ~ ~ *And Now*



*Clelian Heights is a blessing
for so many.*

*Congratulations and thank you
for forty years of service.*



*Mr. Gregory DeMatteo
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel DeMatteo
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey DeMatteo
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph DeMatteo
Mr. & Mrs. David DeMatteo
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond DeMatteo
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Ridilla
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ridilla
Mrs. Isabelle Twigger*

CLELIAN HEIGHTS - HISTORY

April	1961	Missionary Zelatrices of the Sacred Heart procure 44 acre tract of land with farmhouse and barn.
June 5,	1961	Deed signed purchasing property from Edward K. and Stella P. Sapone for \$75,000. Bishop Connare celebrates Mass in new chapel in the white farmhouse.
October	1961	Two room school house opens in the renovated barn.
	1964	Federal Grant was approved, providing \$397,000 toward building a new school. Belli & Belli, Architects of Chicago, proceed with preliminary plans for a new school.
May	1966	Formal groundbreaking ceremony by Bishop Connare.
September 22,	1968	Formal dedication by His Excellency, Most Rev. Luigi Raimondi, Apostolic Delegate. Resocialization program for young adults established. Weekly Teen night Dances held in conjunction with Seton Hill and St. Vincent College.
September	1972	White farmhouse becomes residence for young women.
May	1975	Eight students participate in Special Olympics for the first time.
October	1978	Clelian Center informally established - 1st job contract with Amacor Window Company. Chip Decker employed by the <i>Tribune Review</i> .
October	1980	Plans are laid to build a residence for young men. Pittsburgh Steeler, Mel Blount, honorary Chairman of the Chip's House Building Campaign.
October 11,	1981	Groundbreaking for Chip's House Clelian Center becomes licensed as sheltered workshop for young adults.
September 12,	1982	Chip's House dedicated as a residence for young men and a vocational training center for young adults.
May 25,	1985	Greenhouse completed near Chip's House.
February 7,	1986	Bishop Connare dedicates new playrooms in honor of Mothers Rosalia Sosso and Consilia Mantello.
May 4,	1986	Celebration of 25th Anniversary of Clelian Heights School.
September	1987	Friends of Clelian Heights Organization (F.O.C.H.O.) established as a parent support group.
October	1989	Ramps were built throughout the main building to make it handicapped accessible.
	1990	Competitive employment program started to provide job coaching.
April	1991	"Gardening from the Heart" program established.
May 21,	1992	Groundbreaking for two apartment buildings for young ladies.
May 23,	1993	Dedication of the Sweeney and Melenyzer Apartment buildings.
September 4,	1994	Groundbreaking for the Therapeutic and Recreation Center.
April 14,	1996	Dedication of the Therapeutic and Recreation Center.
September	1996	Clelian Center Workshop moved to the main building - job contracts expand.
August	1997	Clelian Heights School becomes a Licensed Private Academic School.
March	1999	Clelian Heights Endowment Foundation established.
September	2000	Pre school opens with four students. Captain and Sandy Dog Biscuit Business established.
2001-2002		40th Anniversary Year - total enrollment 120!