

News from "Partners" Like You!

On January 15, Courtney and Gus Santorella of Jensen Beach, FL, hosted a dinner party for 25 close family and friends to celebrate Faith and Art. In celebration of Faith, one of the Santorellas' favorite nuns, Sr. Mary Rinaldi, spoke about the Salesian Sisters' Adopt a Sister program, and the beauty of the family it has built nationwide. Many were inspired, and joined the program on the spot!

On the topic of Art, Francis Mesaros, an up-and-coming artist with a patented oil painting technique, shared his life story and his beautiful artwork, along with his piano expertise. Francis, a dear friend of Courtney and Gus, donated one of his stunning paintings to Gus and Courtney that night, and they in turn immediately donated it to Sr. Mary for use at a future fundraiser.

Gerry and Lou Addeo felt so moved by both Sr. Mary's and Francis' stories that they made a significant donation on the spot for Sr. Mary's new painting, and at the same time adopted their first Salesian Sister. Wow! What a surprise! Thank you, Gerry and Lou!

The Santorella home was filled with friendship, laughter, and love that night, all to celebrate Faith and Art. Thank you, Courtney and Gus, for a fantastic evening, and for being a part of the Salesian family!



Sr. Mary Rinaldi and Artist Francis Mesaros (left) with new friends Geraldine and Louis Addeo of Palm City, FL. Proceeds from Francis' work of art, shown here, will help the Salesian Sisters and their good works.



Hosts Gus and Courtney Santorella of Jensen Beach, FL, proudly display their medals of Mary Help of Christians with Sr. Mary Rinaldi. The Santorellas have adopted Sr. Maryann Schaefer.

Right, Pat and Vincent Lino from Palm City, FL, have adopted Sr. Margaret Rose Buonaiuto.



Right, Jill Sheppell of Hutchinson Island, FL, and her mother Marie of Little Falls, NJ.



Left, Geraldine Addeo with Lynn Barbati of Jensen Beach, who adopted Sr. Ruth Stecker.