

November 2022

Dear Paulist Center friends:

After a three-year hiatus, I am pleased to announce the return of the Paulist Center's annual Advent-Christmas Concert. I, along with our music ministers, am thrilled to come together once again for this time-honored Center tradition as we journey through Advent and look forward to the Feast of the Incarnation.

The performances will be held on **Saturday, December 10 at 7:30 pm** and **Sunday, December 11 at 2:00 pm**. The pageant "The Christmas Story" presented by our Liturgical Dance Ministry, will take place at 2:00 pm before Sunday's performance.

"Light Dawns on a Weary World", the title for this year's concert, comes from the Advent hymn by Mary Louise Bringle. Bringle's words, inspired by Isaiah 55 and 58, eloquently convey the love, hope, and promise longed for by a people weighed down by strife.

As in years past, the concert will be interspersed with music of the season and a selection of readings. The readings, drawn from Jan Richardson's work, "Through the Advent Door", reveal the hidden pathways into the celebration of Christmas we have always longed for, guiding us into a realm that shimmers with mystery and imagination.

Historically, the concert has been both a community builder and a fundraising event for the Center. In celebration of the concert's return, and in the spirit of encouraging everyone to invite many friends and family to attend, we will not "sell" any tickets this year. We will however, gladly welcome voluntary donations both electronically online through our website at any time (use the Christmas Concert category and write how many people, which concert, and, if you are contributing at a sponsor level, how you wish the name to appear in the program in the comment area) and by cash or check (made to the Paulist Center with "Concert" noted in the memo) at the concerts.

If you are making a donation and would like some guidance, our prior concert ticket prices were \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door for an individual and \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door for a family. Should you wish to make a special sponsorship-level contribution, we invite you to join the Celestial Choir at the following levels: Archangel for \$150, Celestial for \$100 and Angelic for \$50. Sponsorship donations received by November 30 will be noted in the concert program. The concert is open to all, whether or not a donation has been or will be made.

Your support helps us to continue the important spiritual work and mission of the Paulist Center in Boston. We look forward to seeing you, your family, and friends at this year's concert. May the coming season of Advent be a time of grace and renewal as we prepare our hearts to experience the joy of salvation and celebrate Christmas with love, renewed hope, and thanksgiving.

Yours in Advent hope,



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