

2021 Our Lady of the Angels Fire Memorial Observance

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cover of Life Magazine.

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OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS SCHOOL FIRE

Annual Memorial Observance by alumni of the

Chicago Royal Airs Drum & Bugle Corps

QUEEN OF HEAVEN CEMETERY

1400 S Wolf Rd. Hillside, IL.

December 5, 2021, 11:00 AM

Alumni of the Chicago Royal Airs Drum & Bugle Corps, family and friends will meet at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, [1400 S. Wolf Rd.](#), at the Our Lady of the Angels burial and memorial site, on Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 11:00 am. (The cemetery entrance is about 2 blocks south of Wolf Rd. & Roosevelt Rd.)

That tragic fire, claimed the lives of 92 students and 3 nuns, on December 1, 1958.

Three members of the Chicago Royal Airs Drum & Bugle Corps, Frances Guzaldo, Valerie Thoma, and Roger Ramlow all perished December 1, 1958 in the fire.

Serge Uccetta, a survivor of that tragedy and a Royal Airs alum, will deliver the commemorative remembrance of the events of that day.

Alumni of the Royal Airs mark the observance annually on the first Sunday in December. Alumni from all drum & bugle corps are welcomed to join with the Royal Airs and family and friends of those who perished in that terrible tragedy.

Kirkland Burke

(Chicago Tribune historical photo)

Photos: Tragedy at Our Lady of the Angels School

On Dec. 1, 1958, a fire consumed Our Lady of the Angels grade school on the West Side of Chicago, killing 92 children and three nuns. The Catholic school, built in 1910, was home to about 1,200 students.

WARNING: Graphic images of the fire are included in the gallery.



John Jajkowski, carried by Firefighter Richard Scheidt, perished in the fire. This picture was on the cover of Life magazine and has become the iconic image of the fire.



Firefighter Richard Scheidt rushes out of Our Lady of the Angels grade school carrying 10-year-old John Jajkowski. The boy was among the students who died in the fire Dec. 1, 1958, on the West Side of Chicago. (Steve Lasker / Chicago American)



Dense smoke rolls from Our Lady of the Angels grade school at [909 N. Avers Ave.](#) on Dec. 1, 1958, in Chicago's Humboldt Park neighborhood. (Chicago Tribune historical photo)



Aerial view of Our Lady of the Angels grade school on fire Dec. 1, 1958, in Chicago. The fire, on the city's West Side, took the lives of 92 children and three nuns. (Chicago Tribune historical photo)



A firefighter removes a victim from Our Lady of the Angels grade school during a fire Dec. 1, 1958, in Chicago. (Steve Lasker / Chicago American)



Parents watch as firefighters battle a fire and pull victims out of the smoldering Our Lady of the Angels grade school building Dec. 1, 1958, in Chicago. (William Vendetta / Chicago Tribune)



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Firefighters fight the blaze at Our Lady of the Angels grade school Dec. 1, 1958. This photo was taken as the fire roared through the school, which formerly was the parish church, and before the enormous loss of life was apparent. (Chicago Tribune historical photo)



A firefighter carries a limp but still breathing victim from Our Lady of the Angels grade school Dec. 1, 1958, in Chicago. (Chicago American)



A priest, right, blesses fire victims as they are carried out of Our Lady of the Angels grade school on Dec. 1, 1958, in Chicago. (Chicago Tribune historical photo)



A nurse tends to Patricia Culp while she breaks down at the morgue after learning her sister Karen had perished in the blaze at Our Lady of the Angels grade school Dec. 1, 1958, in Chicago. (Chicago Tribune historical photo)

A rescued boy is rushed to an ambulance at Our Lady of the Angels grade school Dec. 1, 1958, in Chicago.



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A boy cries as his burns are treated at St. Anne's Hospital after a deadly fire at Our Lady of the Angels School on Dec. 1, 1958, in Chicago. (Chicago Tribune historical photo)



The cover of the Chicago Daily Tribune on Dec. 2, 1958. (Chicago Tribune historical photo)



A Sacred Heart of Jesus statue rests in the debris of the west hallway on the second floor after the blaze at Our Lady of the Angels grade school Dec. 1, 1958, in Chicago. (Chicago Tribune historical photo)



Students Emily Rusczyk, left, and Robert Earley rest after surviving the deadly fire at Our Lady of the Angels grade school Dec. 1, 1958. (Chicago American)



The Rev. Charles McAleese, right, chaplain of Cook County Hospital, looks on at the morgue filled with victims from the fire at Our Lady of the Angels grade school on Dec. 1, 1958, in Chicago. (Chicago Tribune historical photo)



Nurse Jackie Lanse, left, comforts Adeline Chiapetta and her daughter Judy Wallace, right, as they await word on Adeline's son, Aurelius, 14. She later learned he was among the dead in the fire that consumed Our Lady of the Angels grade school on Dec. 1, 1958, in Chicago. (Bob Rea / Chicago American)



The front page of the Chicago American on Dec. 5, 1958, the day of a funeral Mass for several of the victims of the Our Lady of the Angels grade school fire. (Chicago Tribune)



Diana Voskrenski, 10, told a Chicago American reporter on Dec. 13, 1958, that the memories of the fire at Our Lady of the Angels School were as painful as her injuries. (Chicago American)



Mayor Richard J. Daley, center, leaves the funeral service for 27 of the victims of the Our Lady of the Angels grade school fire held at the Illinois National Guard Armory on Dec. 5, 1958, in Chicago's Humboldt Park neighborhood. (Chicago Tribune historical photo)



A graveside service for students was held at Queen of Heaven Cemetery on Dec. 5, 1958, in Hillside. (Chicago Tribune historical photo)



Members of a drum and bugle corps stand as an honor guard to their fellow member, *Larry Grasso, during his funeral service Dec. 5, 1958, in Chicago. (Chicago American)



A funeral Mass is held for 27 of the 95 fire victims at the Illinois National Guard Armory in Humboldt Park on Dec. 5, 1958. The Mass held for 18 girls and nine boys drew 7,000 mourners. (Chicago Tribune historical photo)

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