



CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF SOUTHERN NEBRASKA

Hope in the Good Life

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Blessed Juvenal Ancina/Kevin Murray

Elevating the soul

Born in 1545 in Fossano, Italy, Blessed Juvenal Ancina was a man of many talents and great intelligence. Yet he was humble and strove to use his many gifts to serve others, particularly the poor. After earning a medical degree, and just 24 years-old, Juvenal built a thriving practice in Turin. He did this mainly due to his love for the poor, whom he treated without charge.

Though a good man, Juvenal's attitude towards his faith could be described as lukewarm. That is until one day he received an "awakening" while attending a funeral Mass. In an instant, Juvenal realized that while he was good, God expected much more of him. From that moment on, Juvenal focused on his prayer life and moved to Rome where he began theological studies with St. Robert Bellarmine. This friendship led him to begin spiritual direction under St. Philip Neri and

eventually Juvenal was ordained a priest. Twenty years after his ordination, Juvenal was named Bishop of Saluzzo.

All his life, Juvenal knew the importance of using the gifts God blessed him with to serve- a doctor, scholar, renowned preacher, and musician.



Dr. Darryl White and Kevin Murray

Kevin Murray wears many hats- literally and figuratively, for those who know him. For years, Kevin owned and operated Murray's for Men of Stature, a clothing store located in Lincoln. He's a skilled carpenter and musician with a deep love for playing the trumpet and an even deeper love to serve.

Twenty years ago, Kevin approached Catholic Social Services with an idea to raise money for its programs. He wanted to gather area trumpet players to perform a free-will benefit con-

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Last year, our Immaculate Heart of Mary Counseling Center provided \$45,923 in counseling service charity grants

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cert for CSS. The idea came to him while helping with the CSS golf tourney. He asked a close friend to support the tourney and his friend told Kevin, "I'll do whatever you want. If it wasn't for the counseling program at CSS, my son wouldn't be alive today."

To help spread awareness of the work of CSS, Kevin created Trumpet Fest. Over the years he and local trumpet legends such as Dr. Darryl White, the late Mac McCune and the late Dennis Schneider have gathered to perform and raise money for CSS. Kevin has often remarked that Dennis Schneider loved to say "music elevates the soul." At the concert, Kevin jokingly adds that folks "elevate their wallets, too!" to support CSS. "We just want to make music to help. CSS can make \$20 go a long ways. We just want to help the poor."

Kevin understands the importance of utilizing the gifts God has given each of us. "Whatever gifts you have, you can use them to help." Thank you Kevin, and all of the performers of Trumpet Fest, for using your talents to help bring Hope in the Good Life.

This year's Trumpet Fest is Sunday, March 13th, at St. Joseph Church, Lincoln, 2:00-4:00 PM. Dr. Darryl White will offer a Trumpet Master Class from 1:00-2:00 PM. There is no cost to attend, there will be a free-will offering to benefit CSS.



Please join us! Celebration of Hope (the banquet formerly known as Celebration of Caring) will be from 4:30 PM-8:30 PM on Sunday, March 27th at Embassy Suites, Lincoln. We'll gather to enjoy fellowship, entertainment from The Wildwoods, a delicious meal, and an exciting program highlighting the many ways we worked together to bring Hope in the Good Life!

Tickets are \$65 per person and corporate sponsorships are available. Visit csshope.org for more details or to reserve your seats today!