

Guardian Angels Gift Certificate (GAGC)

Program Information

June 1, 2008 - May 31, 2009

• **What is GAGC?**

GAGC stands for **Guardian Angels Gift Certificates**. This Program is a fund raiser for our parish. Gift cards/certificates to 165 national restaurants and retailers are offered; these businesses in turn give to our Church a certain percentage of our gift card sales as a charitable donation.

• **Who benefits?**

1. **Holy Guardian Angels Parish** benefits from the GAGC Program.
2. **Catholic education** also benefits because our pastor, Monsignor Hartgen, has agreed to give a certain percentage of the Church's profit to families to help defray the cost of Catholic school tuition and/or PREP registration fees.
 - a. Catholic school families (HGA Regional School, and/or Catholic high schools, colleges/universities, or seminary of our Diocese) can apply the credit towards their tuition.
 - b. PREP student families can eliminate their family's registration fee when their credit amount reaches that fee.
 - c. Families in financial need may be given tuition assistance for Catholic education, at the discretion of our school principal, Mrs. Wallin, through the Mother Teresa Account.
3. **Businesses** benefit because the gift cards encourage people to shop at their stores, plus they write off the donation as a charitable gift.

• **Who can participate?**

Anybody and everybody can participate by purchasing GAGC (i.e. family members, neighbors, co-workers, parishioners, non-parishioners, non-Catholics, etc.).

Note: To receive Catholic school tuition credit and/or PREP registration fee credit, be sure to have your friends identify your Account Name (given upon registration) on the order envelope/form.

• **How do I purchase GAGC?**

The **GAGC** Program has two distinct avenues of sale: **GAGC** and **Great Lakes**.

1. **GAGC**: Involves the following gift cards readily on hand at HGA parish:

	Denominations		Denominations
• Giant	\$10, \$20, \$50, \$100	• Weis/Kings	\$10, \$20, \$50, \$100
• Redner's	\$20, \$50, \$100	• Sheetz	\$25, \$50, \$100

- a. Fill out a white GAGC order envelope indicating your Name, Daytime Phone Number and Account Name and identify the gift cards you wish to purchase.
- b. Enclose your check (made payable to GAGC), or exact cash.
- c. Receive your gift cards and use them to make your store purchases.

2. **Great Lakes Program**: Features gift cards/certificates to over 160 national retailers and restaurants; many can be redeemed online.
 - a. Fill out a Great Lakes Order Form indicating your Name, Daytime Phone Number and Account Name and identify the gift cards you wish to purchase.
 - b. Enclose your check (made payable to GAGC), or exact cash.
 - c. By noon the following Friday, your order will be ready for pickup. Refer to Great Lakes Order Form for exact order & pick-up dates.

• ***When/Where we sell Gift Certificates (GAGC & Great Lakes)***

Weekdays: at the HGA parish office during business hours (9am-4pm)

Weekends: in the vestibule of HGA Church before & after every Mass

HGA school: your order may also be processed through your child's weekly communication folder if order and payment are received by Tuesday. (Mon/Tue daily folder for Pre School)

GAGC order envelopes & Great Lakes Order Forms are available in the rectory and school offices and at the **GAGC** table in the Church vestibule. The Great Lakes Order Form is also available to print from our parish website—www.hgaparish.com.

• ***How do I receive "credit"?***

Credit is given only towards Catholic education for those families who participate in our GAGC Program. Simply purchase our gift certificates/cards, and the parish will apply credit towards that family's Catholic school tuition and/or PREP fee.

Credit for gift card purchases vary from store to store and are subject to change.

- **GAGC**: *Giant, Redner's, Weis* -- a credit of 2% will be given; *Sheetz* -- a credit of 1% will be given.
- **Great Lakes**: participating stores provide a credit varying from 0.5% to 10%. (Please call Claudia Rudderow for a copy of the most recent GAGC Directory which details the most current percentages offered).

Bonus: When the amount of tuition credit in a family's account reaches \$150, then the percentage of credit will be doubled on future purchases for that program year.

• ***Who can I contact with questions?*** Please call Claudia Rudderow at (610) 916-1874 or Father Zelonis at the rectory.

Terms:

1. Program and percentages are subject to change. All sales are final-**No refunds or exchanges**. Some restrictions may apply. HGA Parish/School will not be held responsible for lost gift cards/certificates.
2. Program Year runs **6/1/08 through 5/31/09** with credit being applied to the **2009/2010** school year.
3. GAGC Program credit will be applied towards **PREP registration fee** when the family's credit account reaches their PREP registration fee and/or **Catholic school tuition** (*HGA Regional School and Pre School, Catholic high schools, colleges*, universities* or seminary* of our Diocese*). Amount of credit for a family will not exceed the cost of tuition and/or registration fees. ***min. tuition credit** for colleges, universities, seminary = \$50.
4. Any credit not applied to PREP registration fee and/or Catholic school tuition will return to the GAGC Program/HGA Parish.
5. If tuition for a Catholic school family has been paid in full and the family leaves the Catholic school prior to the end of the school year, the tuition credit will then be prorated and applied accordingly to the tuition refunded.
6. All checks must be made payable to **GAGC**. Do not combine GAGC and Great Lakes orders on one check. Purchases over \$1,000 must be made by cashier's check, certified check, money order or cash. Return check fee = \$25. (Rev. 8/08)