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**To: Cadets Hall of Fame Committee**

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**Subject: Nomination of ANTHONY "BART" BARTELLO for the Cadets Hall of Fame**

Dear HOF Committee:

It is with great pleasure and honor that I nominate Anthony "Bart" Bartello for the 2021 Class of the Cadets' Hall of Fame.

In 2010 I had the privilege of nominating David Shaw – the "voice" of the Holy Name Cadets. This year, I wish to nominate Bart – the "heart" of the Holy Name Cadets.

Bart is well-known, loved and respected by a generation of Cadets, especially those who had the privilege of marching with him from 1948 and culminating with winning, under Bart's leadership, the 1957 American Legion Junior National Championship in Atlantic City.

Bart joined the Cadets in 1948, at the age of 12, and began the required instruction in learning to play the G-bugle, along with the elements of marching and military bearing. This was the "golden-age" of drum corps and Bart was an important part of that legacy as the Holy Name Cadets won American Legion Junior National Championships in 1940, 1948, 1950, 1953 and 1957.

Bart played soprano bugle, then French horn until he served as Drum Major in 1956 and 1957. The 1957 season was especially challenging for the Holy Name Cadets as many experienced "regulars" aged out or left the corps. The Cadets struggled in the early part of the season.

As the season progressed, we were determined to improve and had successfully recruited a few experienced young men to join as horn players and members of the drum line. Our musical repertoire was improving, and confidence was building. By early September, everything seemed to "jell" just as the National Championship was to be held in Atlantic City. Then, in Atlantic City, a twist of fate: due to torrential rains, the venue for the Finals was moved from Bader Field to a cavernous inside location: Convention Hall. As we took the floor for the Finals, the sound from the fans was deafening and the acoustics exhilarating. Don Angelica's legendary concert solo in **"And the Angels Sing"**, rocked the rafters. We had saved our best for this day . . . and won the National Championship yet again . . . what many thought we could never do just a few months before.

Through it all, Bart's leadership – both inspirational and motivating – helped the Corps to believe in itself and achieve what virtually no one expected as the 1957 season began.

In 1958, Bart entered the US Army through the ROTC program as a graduate of Seton Hall University. He was assigned to the Military Police as a Second Lieutenant and served in US locations; he received an Honorable Discharge in 1961 with the rank of First Lieutenant, married and began a highly successful career in sales and marketing (and his golf game got better, too!)

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After returning to civilian life, Bart returned to his drum corps roots and, during the 1960's, served as a Judge with the Eastern States and All-State Judges Associations where he judged M&M. Also, during the late 1960's, Bart was an M&M instructor with the Little Falls (NJ) Cadets.

In recent years, Bart has been a leading voice in the Holy Name Cadet/Garfield Cadet Alumni Association and is a regular at alumni gatherings. He served as Co-chairman for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in Atlantic City (2007) and has been involved on the Cadets Hall of Fame Nominating Committee as the liaison to the Heritage Selection Committee.

You can't talk about Bart without mentioning his long and loving relationship with Barbara, his wife of 60 years. For as long as I can remember, Barbara has been part of Bart's life. Their beautiful family includes sons Alfred, and Tony, and daughter Lisa (Bartello) Mastrangelo. Bart and Barbara are the proud grandparents of 7 grandchildren.

Lastly, anytime Cadets are gathered, and it is time to sing our cherished "Holy Name Hymn", Bart steps forward to lead the assembled voices in a continuing demonstration that our bond, as Cadets, lives on.

For all the reasons outlined above and because Bart continues to remain as an active and supportive member of The Cadet Family, I believe Anthony "Bart" Bartello should receive election to the 2021 Class of the Cadets Hall of Fame.

I strongly encourage all voting Members of The Cadets Hall of Fame Committee to cast their votes in support of Bart's Nomination.

*For Holy Name Shall Always Be ...*

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Solo Soprano Sergeant  
1952-1961