

# ST. PAUL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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## **St. Paul Performing Arts Performs Inspirational True-Life Holocaust Drama Veterans Weekend**

Bristol CT, October 5, 2017 - Many courageous people during the Holocaust risked their liberty and their lives to help the persecuted Jews escape the torture that awaited them if Nazi soldiers found them. Marsia Pawlina Szul was one such person. This play is the story of her courage in harboring a mother, her newborn boy, young daughter, and another young Jewish girl. Pawlina led the Nazi soldiers away from the family, hiding in a homemade bunker in their barn for two years. When she was discovered, she suffered unspeakable torture by the Nazis, yet she remained silent.

*Angel in the Night* is the winner of the American Alliance for Theater and Education's Distinguished Play Award. This play is inspiring, even more so because it is based on the real actions of one brave young Polish woman. The characters are loveable— we suffer with them throughout the play—and we are grateful to learn of love, respect, and adoration the Jewish characters feel for Pawlina, their savior during World War II. She is honored now in the Avenue of the Righteous Parks found outside Jerusalem and in Evanston, Illinois. Don't miss your chance to see Connecticut's award-winning high school theaters' production of this true store of courage, compassion and heroism!

### *What Parents Should Be Aware of In Angel in the Night*

Parents need to know that this Holocaust drama, explores some mature themes about WWII, captivity, and self-preservation, religious persecution, and perseverance. There are a couple of disturbing images of the war on a newsreel film in the prologue as well as some scenes of violence with the lead characters. This performance is suitable for children in grades 8 and above. Should parents have any concerns about the production feel free to contact the director, Mark Mazzarella 860-584-0911. We recommend knowing if your child has had an introduction to the Holocaust in school.

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Angel in the Night opens on Friday, November 10th and runs through Sunday, November 12th at the St. Paul Catholic High School's Theater. Performances are at 7pm Friday and Saturday with a 2pm matinee on Sunday.

Tickets go on sale October 16th. \$8 students, \$15 adults, \$12 over 65. Tickets may be reserved and purchased online at [www.spchs.com](http://www.spchs.com) or purchase by calling the school: 860-584-0911.

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