the public schools that is Jesus Christ is the reason for our schools, and this is a cause for celebration. The distinction is summed up well at some school entrances: “Let it be known to all who enter here that Jesus Christ is the reason for this school” and “Every one of our students receives an education which is authentically Catholic in all the eyes of the Church.” The Catholic school is truly Catholic in the eyes of the Church: They must be inspired by a supernatural vision, founded on Christ, inspired by authentic Catholicism, and active in living up to the example set by Jesus Christ. 

The role of parents and teachers is to lead both the young and old to “fulfill the obligation and moral responsibility to ensure that within the school’s environment young people have the way to excellence spiritually, intellectually, and socially. If this is done properly, our Catholic schools will help all the citizens live the Gospel message, taking up the example set by Jesus Christ. He inspires every dimension.

The role of Parents and Teachers in Catholic Education

The Catholic (not religious), or the supernatural (not of this world) world, must be unique to the depth of the faith living experience. They are authentically Catholic.

What this means is that through the Catholic school, we are unified in our beliefs and actions when it comes to our faith. Living out the Gospel message, taking up the example set by Jesus Christ, believing in the community of faith.

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rue of souls. Amen. Pray for our protection, pray for our soldiers, and thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into intercession of St. Michael the Archangel. Pray each day: “St. Michael the Archangel, help us!”

The huge dragon, the ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world, was thrown down to earth, and the dragon and his angels could no longer remain in heaven. Our practical challenge this week is to pray for the world through the intercession of St. Michael the Archangel to keep evil from our families, schools, and parishes.

Did you give generously to Malteser International in support of Christian refugees in Iraq? If not, there is still time. You can give online at bit.ly/1OJzHjS, or mail your check, payable to Malteser International, to Charles A. Mifsud, Treasurer, P.O. Box 900, Columbus, Ohio 43216. Please indicate your donation is in honor of St. Michael. With your gift, Malteser International is helping Christian families who have fled their homes. We encourage you to give now in memory of St. Michael the Archangel. We request your prayers for our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world by-loving God and neighbor and trusting in God’s providence.

The Diocese of Columbus works hard to provide tuition assistance to all families. When we accomplish our goal, our schools are communities of faith, knowledge, and service. Listed below is some information about our Catholic Schools Week:

- We have 53 schools (42 elementary schools and 11 high schools) in 15 counties.
- Our students perform above the national averages on such tests as Terra Nova, assessment. Of Children’s Test of Religions Education, Ohio Achievement Assessments, Ohio Grade-Level Assessments, ACT P.SAT, and other college preparation tests, and more.
- We have highly qualified teachers, licensed by the Ohio Department of Education, half of whom have advanced degrees.
- The diocesan Office of Religious Education, Diocesan Catechesis, ensures that all of our religion teachers have the proper certification.
- Eighty percent of our students are Catholic and 20 percent are not.
- Ninety-seven percent of our students pass the Ohio Graduation Test, most on their first attempt.
- Ninety-seven percent of our high school graduates go on to post-secondary education.

CROSS BLESSING

Father Raymond Larran of Columbus Catholic Church in Grove City led the new cross at St. Matthias Church last Saturday.

The Diocese of Columbus blesses the new cross that sits in the background. Several other faculty and staff members witnessed the blessing two days before the cross was installed. Scott Hartman, the school’s director of advancement and business operations, is the diocesan Office of Religious Education and Catechesis makes sure we have highly qualified teachers who are interested in providing a Catholic education for their students. (see story on page 5)

Our teachers are explicitly put in the responsibility of educating their children. We encourage new Catholics who are interested in providing a Catholic education for their students to contact the diocesan Office of Religious Education and Catechesis to find out how they can take a nationally recognized college admission test in early grades, following that in later years with the ACT Prep course.

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School should be a place where adults and children feel secure at all times, but tragic events such as the shootings that occurred in 2012 in Newtown, Conn., and the Ohio community of Chardon have heightened educators’ awareness of the need to ensure pupil and teacher safety.

The Diocese of Columbus has responded to that need by installing a system known as NaviGate Prepared in all of its elementary and secondary schools. The system offers immediate, real-time access to school safety and building information from any Web-browser device, even if a building is inaccessible.

The Diocese of Columbus is an apostolate in the Diocese of Columbus that promotes devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through the enthronement of an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

There is a praiseworthy practice for those attending to respect the priest’s homily. There is a praiseworthy practice for the young people in attendance who are engaged in writing prayers or responses to a similar question from a reader or a similar question from a reader who was out on the street. What kind of example does this set for the young people in attendance?

Several devout parishioners arrive before Mass to pray, but with all the distractions, I would think prayer to be almost impossible. Maybe if the priest made an appeal to those attending to respect the house of God, it might sink in. So far, the only thing that has ever been said from the altar by the commentator is “We ask you to silence your cell phones.”

Thank you for addressing this total lack of reverence. (Hou- merville, Missouri)

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The reason petitions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at: Diocese of Columbus, 12208. 40 Hopewell St., Albany, N.Y. 12208.
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Bishop Ready Builds on Tradition While Leading the Way

A Balance of Faith, Academics, and Service

This spring, Columbus Bishop Ready High School conducted its 50th commencement ceremony, inviting members of the first graduating class, the Class of 1965, to join the celebration. Among those who took part was the valedictorian of that class, Sally Oddi.

With a mission statement that includes a commitment to “enhancing spiritual formation through faith, fostering leadership and academic excellence,” Bishop Ready is known for its support of community service. By instilling in its students a commitment to “enhancing spiritual formation through faith, fostering leadership and academic excellence,” the school is dedicated to helping its students grow in faith and develop leadership skills.

The school’s motto, “Ready,” is a reminder of the school’s mission to prepare students for a lifetime of learning, to be ready for their future careers, and to be ready to make a positive impact on the world.

Through Ready’s sister-school affiliation with Catholic high schools in Nanjing, China, its enrollment of Chinese students, and willingness to share knowledge with teachers who visit from China, the school’s commitment to fostering international understanding and cultural responsibility in the Catholic tradition is evident. The school insulates its students a love of learning, a strong commitment to helping their fellow human beings, and a deep devotion to the faith that manifests itself in words and deeds.

Ninety-seven percent of the members of Ready’s Class of 2014 went on to higher education. It was a banner year itself in words and in deeds. Bishop Ready Builds on Tradition While Leading the Way

Another important dimension of a Ready education is the commitment to service for others. The Class of 2014 committed to contribute more than 11,800 service hours during its four years at Ready. Service opportunities range from on-campus opportunities, like tutoring or volunteering with the special education department, to off-campus service, like volunteering at nursing homes, working at the Midnight Foodbank, and volunteering with organizations like the Boy Scouts.

Ready students also serve as Eucharistic ministers, lectors, and cantors in their parishes and at school, and work throughout the year at various Catholic charities, often centered around Christmas or Easter, that help make these days truly special for those with fewer advantages.

This spring, Columbus Bishop Ready High School graduated its 50th class. The school’s 50th commencement ceremony included the presentation of diplomas to 119 seniors (out of a class of 119), receiving for their achievements scholar-athletes, with 20 scholarships to compete in sports on the college level.

The school was named in honor of Bishop Daniel Ready, the fourth bishop of the Diocese of Columbus and the first Catholic bishop in Ohio. He was a strong advocate for education and established the Columbus Catholic Schools System, which includes the Columbus Catholic Schools Foundation and several Catholic high schools throughout the diocese.

In conclusion, Bishop Ready High School is committed to fostering leadership and academic excellence, preparing students for a lifetime of learning, and instilling in them a love of learning, a deep devotion to the faith, and a strong commitment to helping their fellow human beings. The school’s mission is to help its students grow in faith and develop leadership skills, preparing them for a lifetime of learning and making a positive impact on the world.
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“Rey president. “If buildings could talk, I’m for which it was built,” said Jim Foley, Cristo school, and now it’s again serving the purpose side that makes it feel like a new building. Since May of last year, the building has been opened in August for its second year, with a class of 119 freshmen and 71 re-

“We started with 85 freshmen in the fall of 2013, and 71 of them have returned,” said Kathy Thomas, the school’s principal. “We’re extremely pleased with the retention rate. It was 60 percent when the school opened in 1996, and now we’re at 75 percent.”

Three or four students work as a team at each client location, he said. “You start in the front of the building. Money the students earn are given to the school to help reduce tuition. Similar schools are located in Cleveland, Cincinnati, and 23 other locations in 16 states nationwide. All are based on the same work-study model, which was pioneered in 1996 at the original Cristo Rey school in Chicago. Cristo Rey Columbus had 20 business partners last year, and 16 of them decided to continue working with the school for 2014-15. An additional 25 partners were added this year, for a total of 35 client partners. Students are hired by those partners because more will be needed as the school continues to expand over the next two years.

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Top: Cristo Rey teacher David Clark with students Anna Riley (left) and Damaris Smith. Bottom: Mar. McQuillen (left) and Regine Minnion (left) with students Kaylee Moraine and Madison McClish (left) and Kaylee Moraine talk to  teacher Carolyn Kirby-Rogers.

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Holy Family groups to present scapulars, continue statue program

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers and Ladies Guild of Columbus Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., will give people an opportunity to receive the brown scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel after the church’s 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Oct. 5.

The scapular consists of two small brown woven squares, usually with a devotional message for protection upon the imitation of the Virgin Mary, connected by a cord and worn over the head. Devotion to it goes back to the Virgin Mary’s appearance to St. Simon Stock, a Carmelite missionary, in 1231 in Aylesford, England. She handed him a scapular and said, “This shall be a devotion.”


The statue originally was to spend a year at St. Aloysius houses, but most of the hosting families felt a week was not enough, so that time was extended to two weeks.

The families report receiving many graces from the devotional piece, especially sense of peace while the statue stayed in their homes. Each family has had several visitations from others who have been told about the visitation.

Some hosting families have requested a return visit. When the statue is transferred, each family receives literature about Our Lady of Fatima’s appearance to three Portuguese children in 1917 and a copy of the 1957 film The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima.

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In time, the Carmelite Church extended this privilege to all the laity who are willing to be invested in the scapular and perpetually wear it. This must not be understood superstitiously or magically, but in light of Catholic teaching that perseverance in faith, hope, and love are required for salvation. The scapular is a powerful reminder of this Christian obligation and of Mary’s promise and desire that more people understand Our Lady of Fatima’s peace plan, which consists of praying the rosary daily, especially in family groups, daily sacrifice for the conversion of sinners; ending Mass on five consecutive first Saturdays; wearing the brown scapular; making visits to the Blessed Sacrament; and making an act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

When arriving and leaving hosting families, the custodians of the statue take part in a procession with it and from the home. The prayers of St. Louis De Monfort and the rosary are said on Our Lady’s arrival, and St. Louis’ prayers are said at her farewell. White gloves are used when handling the statue. No statue will travel outside of the third-class relic of St. Louis De Monfort.

Anyone wishing to know more about the brown scapular or the Pilgrim Virgin’s appearance to St. Simon Stock may contact Mary Thompson at (614) 221-1890.

The Martin de Porres Center’s Institute for Maturing Spirituality will present the second scapular without program fall series from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7. Guest speaker Michael Morris will talk about “Re-Envisioning the Second Half of Life.”

The focus of Morris’ words will be the link between inner wisdom and contemporary Christian spirituality. He invites people who are in the second half of their lives to explore their faith and context of their experience and a contemporary understanding of the world in which they live.

Morris will offer a talk of a program with registration by Friday, Oct. 3, by calling the center or registering online at www.maternityprograms.net. The center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, is located at 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus.

Mount Carmel to build wellness center

The Mount Carmel Health System has approved a design and construction plan, a name that reflects a fresh and innovative approach to health care, MC Fitness & Health, for the Center of Excellence for Maturing Spirituality.

The facility will be located at U.S. 23 and Cordury Road in Orange Township and will be completed in the fall of 2015.

“This is a great example of how Mount Carmel Health System is dedicated to keeping people healthy, but it also has exceptional medical care for when people unavoidably get sick,” said Claus von Zychlin, president and chief transformation officer of Mount Carmel Health System. “We are looking forward to being a resource for the communities around the state-of-the-art facility by providing them with expert medical care, combined with the latest wellness and prevention.

Mount Carmel is working with the NextGen Group, a nationally recognized, local, and corporate developer, to construct and finance the facility.

Our goal is to be a destination for people living a healthy lifestyle and for wellness and medical care. Most of the facility will house wellness, fitness, and medical care, and it will also have a name that reflects a fresh and innovative approach to health care, MC Fitness & Health.

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)  

**Tax collectors, chief priests had similarities**

**Father Lawrence L. Hummer**

**Ezekiel 18:25-28**

Philippines 2:1-11

Matthew 21:24-32

Ezekiel points out a common enough complaint by people about the way the Lord had been treating the nation as if it had done nothing wrong. This occurs shortly after Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem, where Jesus made clear that the temple, which had been totally destroyed, with the leading corrupt elements being hauled off into exile in Babylon. Through the prophets who came before Ezekiel, who was one of the last prophets, the Lord had warned the people to abandon their own ways of acting or disaster was going to happen. When it happened, half the Lord had said through the prophecies, there was hardly room for surprise at that point.

In the Gospel, Jesus presents a situation to the chief priests and elders of the people, and asks for their opinion. This happened after Jesus had been told he was the Messiah. This appears to be a question of their anticipation of what Jesus is going to do. It was a question of the people (who did repent at the teaching of John the Baptist) and those who did not repent at the preaching of John the Baptist. The contrast then is between the leaders (who did repent) and the tax collectors and other collaborators with Rome, from which they received the right to collect taxes.Prostitutes were collaborators with Rome, and elders. Tax collectors were considered collaborators with Rome, from which they received the right to collect taxes. Prostitutes were collaborators with every army. There were actually similarities between tax collectors and the priests. They both made money and enjoyed their positions from the Roman government.

Before presenting this parable of the two sons, making use of his unique sources for this parable. The contrast then is between the leaders (who did repent) and the tax collectors and others, which included the teaching of John the Baptist and the people (who did report at the teaching of John the Baptist and of Jesus). In a hierarchical Church, it’s like saying common folk will enter the kingdom of heaven before kings and elders, both one says “I won’t” but then changes his mind and does what he father ordered. The other one says “Yes,” but later changes his mind, as his father had told him to do. Jesus wants to know which son the father’s building. The priests and elders are

**Bullyingproof is next topic for St. Andrew parent speaker series**

A workshop on bullyingproof young people, featuring Faucette and a clinician from Nationwide Children’s Hospital, would be on October 30, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 222 South Columbus Street. The St. Andrew Home and School Association is sponsoring the program as part of its parent speaker series.

Parents will receive information on how to teach children to respond to verbal bullying, physical bullying, social bullying, and group manipulation. This will give them tools they can immediately share with their children. This can help children master so they can eliminate bullying from their lives.

Participants will learn specifically how “popular” bullies control, and manage their behavior and what steps must be taken to stop such behavior. In addition, parents will be able to use these principals in their own life to deal with controlling or intimidating people.

This workshop is open to all parents in the parish and surrounding communities.
The “Official Portal for the North Dakota State Gov-ernment” lists that commonwealth’s nicknames as the Peace Garden State, the Flickertail State (something to do with sparrows, evidently), and the Roughrider State. Most Americans know today’s North Dakota as the Fracking State, where fortunes are being made in the energy industry. Catholics in the United States may soon know North Dakota as the cutting edge of Catholic higher education reform.

That’s because Monsignor Jim Shea and the people of the University of Mary, founded in Bismarck in 1959 by the Benedictine Sisters of the Annunciation, are dreaming no small dreams there in the upper Midwest. Those dreams were on full display recently, when the University of Mary (home to 3,100 students from 42 states and 23 nations) hosted a conference celebrating the work of the first holder of the university’s newly created John Henry Newman Chair in the Liberal Arts. Dr. Don J. Briel, who has educated his work in Catholic university reform from the University of St. Thomas in the Twin Cities of Minnesota, where he built the gold standard of Catholic studies programs over a quarter-century, to the University of Mary.

In his address to the conference, Dr. Briel briskly analyzed the formation of the university’s 50-year history. He then added a new dimension to the literature when he broached the subject of higher education reform. That’s because the Briel model produces: well-formed, competent, young Catholic leaders, smart and fun to be with, who are going to make important Catholic contributions to Church and society.

I will risk the charge of special pleading by say-ing that my friend Don Briel is one of the true heroes of Catholic higher education reform. There is more going on than fracking in North Dakota, and that “more” includes another explosive: the brief for the reform of Catholic higher learning. George Weigel is a senior fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C.

Math Medal Winner

Bailey Cadena, nominated as Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School’s best math student, has been selected to receive the Honda-Ohio State University Math Medal. Her selec-tion was based on academic performance in mathemat-ics through the end of her junior year. She received a $100 gift card with the medal and will be recognized at a special breakfast in November.

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Open House

Sun., Nov. 9, 2014

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Sarah Sister Doran, OSF
Funeral Mass for Sister Sarah Doran, OSF, 98, who died Friday, Sept. 19, was held Monday, Sept. 22, in the chapel of the Sisters of the St. Francis of Penitence and Charity Church, New York City. Burial will be in the sisters’ Holy Cross Cemetery in New York.

She was born Lucy Miller Doran in Columbus on May 2, 1921, to Francis Miller and Susan Barke Miller Doran.

She graduated from Columbus St. Joseph High School and earned a bachelor’s degree from Nazareth College in Rochester, New York, in 1943. In 1957 she earned a master’s degree in business education from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

She entered the Sisters of St. Francis in September 1957. She became professed in 1958 and professed final vows on Aug. 17, 1961.

She served as principal of Columbus School for Girls from 1965 to 1975 and served as principal of Columbus Holy Cross School from 1975 to 1985.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother. She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

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**ST. MICHAEL STUDENTS CONSECRATED TO MARY**

Students at Worthington St. Michael School are encouraged to grow in their love of the Eucharist and of the Virgin Mary through two eighth-grade clubs: The Sacrament of the Blessed Virgin Mary for girls and Viribus in Christi for boys.

Sodality members are encouraged to emulate the Blessed Virgin’s lifestyle and behavior. Its goals are to present the Blessed Virgin as queen of the school and to take an active role in promoting devotion to Our Lady. The primary purposes of Viribus in Christi are to raise an awareness of the reality of Christ’s love given to us through the Eucharist and to help nourish devotion through serving at Mass and Benediction.

Members of both groups are assigned at the end of the year to write an essay on Mary. During the time the essays are being written, the students are encouraged to see Our Lady of the Assumption.

The consecration program written by St. Louis de Monfort, Father Guibert, M.C.I., explains it this way: “The essence of Marian consecration is to say ‘Yes’ to Mary: ‘Yes, Mary, I give you permission to see your full motherly power, with the power of the Holy Spirit, to form me into another Christ, to form me into you a saint.’ You are giving Mary permission to appoint you, to use your merits, and your thoughts, words, and actions for the glory of God.”

Each year, several students and teachers have chosen to make the consecration or to renew their consecration together. Some eighth-grade students choose to take advantage of this special opportunity to live out their love of Mary and ultimately to grow in their love of Jesus. It seems that placing their lives in the hands of Mary is a fitting way to prepare for high school.

At the end of the last school year, six students and two adults made the total consecration to Mary on May 13. Each person read the consecration, signed it, and then presented a candle to the Madonna’s alter. These students’ lives will never be the same. Now they belong to Mary.

Below are two of the essays written by the eighth-graders, who now are freshmen in high school:

**BY ANNE LUCIA**

Mary is the Mother of God and the greatest of all the saints in Heaven. Mary is an example of all the virtues. Mary changed the world when she gave a faithful “Yes” to Our Lord. She served God totally and obeyed Him throughout her life. Mary had no all her own will, or whatever she is the mother of all God’s children. She is always praying for us and helping us grow close to God.

Mary was the daughter of St. Joachim and St. Anne. St. Anne was born in Jerusalem. Mary, took a vow of virginity. Mary grew up in Nazareth. When she was a teenager, Mary was visited by the angel Gabriel, who announced to her that she would become the mother of Jesus through the Holy Spirit. She was engaged to St. Joseph at the time. She traveled to Bethlehem. There she gave birth to Jesus, who was visited by the Three Kings. Mary and Joseph presented their son to the temple. Joseph was warned in a dream to leave because King Herod wanted to kill baby Jesus. Joseph and Mary went to Egypt. They lived there until King Herod died, and then returned to Nazareth. Not much is known of Mary’s life during the next years, except for a visit to the Temple of Jerusalem when Jesus was lost, and a wedding in Cana. The next thing that happened was when Mary was present at the Crucifixion of Jesus, and she was taken into St. John the Evangelist’s care. She was also there during the Pentecost, and it is written she was present at the resurrection and ascension of Jesus. Mary remained in Jerusalem. There her body was examined into Heaven to be with her Son for eternity.

Mary has many feast days. One of them is the Assumption on August 15. Some say it was between three and 15 years after the Ascension. Either Jerusalem or Ephesus may be the place she was as named. During the Assumption, Mary bodily was taken up into Heaven at the end of her life on Earth. The Assumption is one of the four dogmas of the Catholic Church. This date is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mary was assumed because she was free of original sin and was the mother of Jesus Christ.

Mary has many titles and names that we use today. One of them is Holy Mary. The name of Mary is a name of salvation. Her name was not from earth, it was from Heaven. Her name (after Jesus) is above every other name. God attached grace and sweetness to her name, and everyone who takes that name may obtain every blessing by Him. The name of Mary has power to overcome the temptations of Hell.

Mary is the Mother of God and the best of all the saints in Heaven. Mary is the model of all the virtues. Mary was the world when she gave a committed “Yes” to God. Mary had no all her own will, or whatever she is the mother of all God’s children. She is always praying for us and guiding us to grow close to God. This is why we should be devoted to honoring her and making her queen of our hearts.

**BY ELISE KLEPEC**

Mary is my mother, teacher, and advocate in life. Mary has brought life to Jesus, and, as her mother, she continues to bring life to all of us, our spiritual children. Too many of us do not appreciate the role Mary can play in our lives. We have to realize that when we are close to Our Lady, it is the same way to be close to Jesus. To be close to Jesus is necessary to reach our ultimate goal, which is Heaven, where we can be perfected in God’s grace and love.

Mary played a huge role in God’s ultimate plan for the peace of the world and the salvation of souls. She is our mother because she gave birth to Jesus, our Savior Jesus Christ, who defeated Satan and opened up the gates of Heaven. She supported her Son throughout His whole life, knowing He would take the world. Mary watched her own Son die the most painful death in history because she was so devoted to God. She forever stands in a special relationship to the Most Holy Trinity. She became the loving daughter of God the Father, the loving mother of God the Son, and the living spouse of God the Holy Spirit.

We, like the world, would not be the same without Mary because she teaches us to trust in God, to trust that He will provide for us, trust in our family, and to love and serve her. Her life, Mary had no all her own will, or whatever she is the mother of all God’s children. She is always praying for us and guiding us to grow close to God. This is why we should be devoted to honoring her and making her queen of our hearts.

**CONSECRATION TO MARY**

Twenty seniors from the five diocesan high schools in Columbus have been selected as National Merit Scholarship semifinalists and two others have been named National Merit Scholarship Award Winners by the National Merit Scholarship Corp. Their status is based on their scores being among the top one percent on the 2013 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, taken by more than 1.5 million students in their junior year of high school. About 7,200 National Merit Scholarships and 900 National Merit Scholarship awards were awarded each.

St. Charles Preparatory School: Abram Haghnazari, Jack Chatas, Stephen Susa, Namara, Emily Harbrecht, Kristin Daniels, Patrick Mulligan, Marisol Petry, and Sarah O’Brien, and teachers aide Lisa Barlage.

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**Congratulations Students!**

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