

Congratulations

CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATES

It's graduation time for Catholic elementary schools, high schools and colleges across the archdiocese. The pages in this section showcase some of the good works relating to student activities, commencement exercises, school liturgies and other honors. Every ending is really a new beginning, and with a Catholic education in hand, the possibilities are endless.



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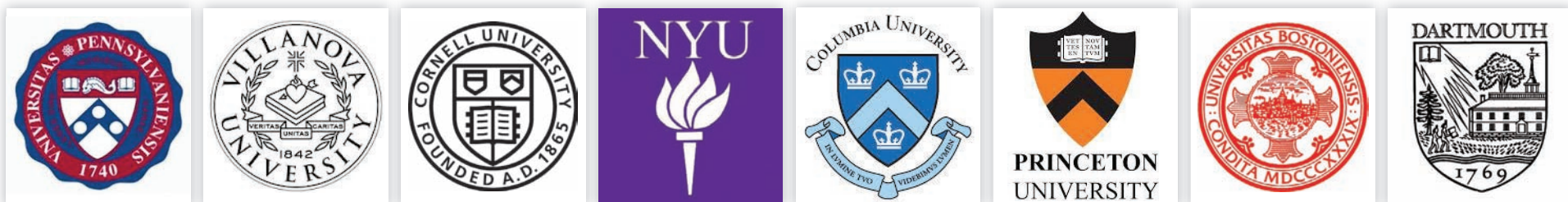


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CARDINAL SPELLMAN HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulates the Class of 2015



**Best of luck at these and all of the
colleges to which you were accepted!**

Cardinal Hails Elementary Grads at End-of-Year Mass

By JULIANN DosSANTOS

More than 300 prayerful eighth-graders recently gathered for Mass with Cardinal Dolan at St. Mary's Church in Wappingers Falls.

The students were from Catholic schools in the Dutchess and Northern Westchester/Putnam regions of the archdiocese. The mid-morning liturgy on May 14 marked the second time the cardinal celebrated a regional Mass for the future eighth-grade graduates. The first was offered last year for the Central Westchester region.

A joyful Cardinal Dolan, who served as the principal celebrant and homilist, thanked the principals, teachers, pastors, parents and all others for their efforts in ensuring the children receive a Catholic education.

"He said Catholic education is really important," said eighth-grader Laura Soto of St. Columbanus School in Cortlandt Manor. She was thankful for all the people who made it possible for her to attend a Catholic school.

The advantages of a Catholic education were evident in the students who served as lectors, altar servers and gift bearers.

Laura Soto read the responsorial psalm. "To read in front of the cardinal was an honor," she said. "To read in front of 300 kids was nerve-wracking," she added with a laugh.

References in the homily that personally moved her, she said, included knowing that God is with her every moment of every day, and how it is important to teach others that fact. "Sometimes I'm struggling and I turn to God and I find closure," she said. "Not many people know how wonderful He is."

Her classmate, Eric Quarato, said the large number of eighth-graders made the Mass memorable. "It was a real honor to share the Mass" with them, he said.

He considered it a privilege to be in the presence of the cardinal and was grateful for the thought-provoking homily. "He talked about the responsibilities of being a Catholic." In addition, Eric is grateful for his Catholic education which, he said, has given him guidelines for how to live a moral life. "I think it will help in high school because it can help to determine right and wrong." That, he added, will be particularly important when situations arise that involve peer pressure.

Students from other schools agreed that their Catholic education has prepared them well for high school. Among them was Natalia Pazos of St. Patrick's in Bedford, who served as a gift-bearer at the Mass. Catholic school, she told CNY, "teaches us great values."

Cardinal Dolan, during his homily, asked if Catholic education is worth it, she said, adding he answered throughout it that they, the students, make it so.

Her classmate, Matthew Kilduff, agreed, saying, "Catholic schools help create a good person and we need more good people in the world."

Other schools in attendance at the Mass were: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Shrub Oak; St. Patrick's, Yorktown Heights; St. James the Apostle, Carmel; Regina Coeli, Hyde Park; St. Denis-St. Columba, Hopewell Junction; St. Mary, Mother of the Church, Fishkill; St. Mary's, Wappingers Falls; and Holy Trinity, St. Martin de Porres, and St. Peter's, all of Poughkeepsie.

GRADUATES AND GOD—Eighth-grade students from the Dutchess and Northern Westchester/Putnam regions pray during Mass celebrated by Cardinal Dolan May 14 at St. Mary's Church in Wappingers Falls.



CHRIS SHERIDAN



XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL

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A PARTIAL LISTING OF THE COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES TO WHICH THE MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2015 HAVE BEEN ADMITTED

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Head of the Class of 2015

Here are the names of the valedictorians, followed by the salutatorians, for the Class of 2015 at Catholic high schools in the archdiocese. In cases where those titles are not used, it has been noted. Some schools did not respond by the time CNY went to press.

Academy of Mount St. Ursula, the Bronx: Karla Ortiz, Kathy Huot

Academy of Our Lady of Good Counsel, White Plains: Theresa Fanelli, Bianca Passero

Albertus Magnus High School, Bardonia: Madison McGrath, Maxx Annunziata

All Hallows High School, the Bronx: Francis Frimpong, Jr., Joseph Nguyen

Aquinas High School, the Bronx: Alexis Martinez, Anneli Lofgren

Archbishop Stepinac High School, White Plains: Anthony Panat, Joseph Terrigno

Cardinal Hayes High School, the Bronx: Gerickson Lopez, Stephen DiFiore

Cardinal Spellman High School, the Bronx: Maya Lugo, Kristen McMonagle

Cathedral High School, Manhattan: Mary Zhuo Ke, Karen Alonzo

Cristo Rey, Manhattan: Derek Acosta, Juan Moreno

Convent of the Sacred Heart, Manhattan: Regina Soriano, Megan Clyne

Dominican Academy, Manhattan: Meaghan Attard, Jamie Gearhart

Fordham Preparatory School, the Bronx: Student Speaker: Anshuman Konuru

Iona Preparatory School, New Rochelle: Robert Bellantoni, Francis Hagan

John A. Coleman Catholic High School, Hurley: Madeline Jankowski, Dominique O'Halloran

John F. Kennedy Catholic High School,

Somers: Susanna Cohen, Tucker Clair

John S. Burke Catholic High School, Goshen: Oksana Bihun, Brian Bohan

La Salle Academy, Manhattan: Ervin Reyes, Kevin Maldonaldo Fiallos

Maria Regina High School, Hartsdale: Jacquelin DiSalvatore, Victoria Bruno

Marymount School of New York, Manhattan: Marella Gayla, Isabelle Fitzgerald

Msgr. Farrell High School, Staten Island: Salvatore Volpe, Mark Mandala

Msgr. Scanlan High School, the Bronx: Nirvana Dipre, William Mendez

Montfort Academy, Mount Vernon: Erin McNamara, Francesca Petrillo

Moore Catholic High School, Staten Island: Julianne Bruen, Erica M. Broгна

Mount St. Michael Academy, the Bronx: Matthew Barrett, Kai Cash

Notre Dame Academy, Staten Island: Kara Roche, Olivia Limone

Notre Dame School of Manhattan: Student Speakers: Maria Javier and Brianna Bosque

Our Lady of Lourdes High School, Poughkeepsie: Joanne Gregory, Emily Della Ferreri

Preston High School, the Bronx: Emily Mitchell, Caitlyn Linehan

Regis High School, Manhattan: Student Speaker: Jason Adulley

Sacred Heart, Yonkers: Rafaelle Elia

St. Barnabas High School, the Bronx: Samantha Smith, Rohana Sosa

St. Catharine Academy, the Bronx: Kiana Chen, Alina Sydorenko



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St. George Academy, Manhattan: Gerald Bastardo, Hamlet Caceres

St. Jean Baptiste High School, Manhattan: Ervin Reyes, Kevin Maldonado

St. John Villa Academy High School, Staten Island: Jessica Salerno, Miray Mirham

St. Joseph by-the-Sea High School, Staten Island: Nicholas Cirrone, Jr., Gianna Cirrone

St. Joseph Hill Academy High School, Staten Island: Meredith Forsyth, Taylor Davis

St. Peter's Boys, Staten Island: William Heming III, Reilly Walsh

St. Raymond Academy for Girls, the Bronx: Ramela Ramnauth, Ashley Gonzalez Melo

St. Raymond High School for Boys, the Bronx: Marc Adorno, Michael Santana

St. Vincent Ferrer, Manhattan: Emma Szoboszlai, Caroline Flynn

Salesian High School, New Rochelle: Michael LaValle, Thomas Provinelli


School of the Holy Child, Rye: Student Speakers: Emma Scandole, Sedinam Anyidoho

The Ursuline School, New Rochelle: Diju Pearce-Fisher, Nora Warren Donahue

Xavier High School, Manhattan: Kevin Ko, Daniel McLaren

WISE WORDS—
Iona Preparatory School Valedictorian Robert Bellantoni addresses his class at the May 21 graduation ceremony on the campus of Iona College, both in New Rochelle. There were 206 seniors in the graduating class.






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Eric King (BMC)

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Luis Lopez (Manhattan)

Michael Lopez (Iona)

Conor Macias (St. Michael's)

Steven Mako (Iona)

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Daniel Seda (Manhattanville)

Christopher Sedacca (Iona)

Nicholas Severin (Lehman)

Nicholas Shilkoski (Westchester)

Joseph Siegel (SHU)

Kevin Silverberg (Dominican)

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Joseph Sinnot (Westchester)

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St. Catharine Academy Celebrates the Class of 2015

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Kimberly Baidoo

Celene Balaguer

Imani Balfour-Jeffrey

Angela Barbosa

Miranda Belen

Alayssa Berrocal

Danielle Billingsy

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Janelle Classpeter Williams

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Iyana Conaway

Sofia Conde

Chelsea Coombs

Taylor-Rae Cooper

Doralis Corniel

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Caitlin Dixon

Diana Djurasevic

Cindy Doan

Xhuljana Drekaj

Monica Espinal

Samantha Fontana

Ciani Gallardo

Aleza Garcia

Sarah Gilliland

Briana Givens

Luljeta Gjevukaj

Arta Gjonbalaj

Xhesilda Gjyriqi

Brianna Gonzalez

Erica Gonzalez-Bravo

Brianna Grant

Allison Griffith

Jada Harper

Aliyah Harrell

Najah Harrell

Nalanai Harris

Imani Hassell

Leandra Henry

Emmily Heredia

Jayna Hernandez

Harianne Hewitt

Cindy Hidalgo

Nina Hodge

Hue Hue Huynh

Raquel Johnson

Neyshdali Kenney

Naya King

Salmira Kolenovic

Juliette LaDisa

Serina LaForgia

Gisselle Lara

Gabriella Lasku

Gabriela Laverde Jimenez

Tamie Le

Branda Lim

Amanda Lisowy

Sabrina LoMedico

Cynthia Lopez

Noelia Lopez

Adwoa Manu

Mariah Marquez

Ziara Martinez

Maria Martinez-Guerrero

Samantha McGrath

Johnae McGraw

Cheyenne McKay

Sofia Mendez

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Karina Meythaler

Falcones

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Tatyanna Montan

Jasmyn Morales

Kerstyne Moran

Gabriella Mordan

Michelle Mottl

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Melody Pujols

Rabeea Rafiq

Trisha Ramcharran

Grace Ramos

Angelie Rendon-Martinez

Gabriela Reyes

Katherina Richard

Monika Rivera

Deanna Rodopoulos

Ashley Rodriguez

Jalisa Roger

Samantha Roman

Tiara Roper-Evans

Hoshi Salcedo

Yuliya Samboryk

Aliyah Santana

Serena Scarantino

Alanna Scott

Aileen Sierra

Janelle Snape

Alina Sydorenko

Charitssa Taveras

Aida Mae Thomas

Sienna Tirado

Natalia Torres

Sabrina Torres

Pamela Udoye

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Lydia Yearwood

Shelda Zajmi

A Sisters of Mercy Tradition - Then, Now, Always

President of All Hallows Set to Retire After Decades of Service

By JULIANN DosSANTOS

On June 30th, the hallways of All Hallows High School in the Bronx will be much emptier—and not because of summer break.

Paul Krebbs, the president and former principal and a guiding force at the school, will retire that day after two decades at All Hallows and a career of more than half a century in Catholic education.

“There’s going to be a big hole to fill,” said Sean Sullivan, principal of the all-boys Catholic school. He described Krebbs as a visionary who was always at the ready with a new project and the wherewithal to see it through.

In his years as president, enrollment increased more than 50 percent, going from 400 students to 610 students.

In fact, he said, when Krebbs came on the scene, All Hallows—on East 164th Street near Yankee Stadium—was struggling with financial and



MARIA R. BASTONE

RIGHT WAY—Paul Krebbs, president of All Hallows High School in the Bronx, holds up a replica of the “All Hallows Way” street sign, to the great applause of students at a ceremony last November. Two 2012 graduates proposed renaming a section of East 164th Street in the Bronx in the school’s honor. Also present, at left, were City Councilwoman Maria del Carmen Arroyo and principal Sean Sullivan.

enrollment problems and was on the brink of shutting down. “He resurrected the school and we flourished under his leadership,” Sullivan said.

“He saw what an inner-city school could do and said, ‘We are going to do something to make this work,’” he said.

Krebbs was named president of All Hallows in 2003, returning to the school after serving as principal from 1982 to 1988, during which time he started the alumni association. In his years as president, enrollment increased more than 50 percent, going from 400 students to 610 students.

All Hallows has become financially stable and self-sufficient, and all the while managing to keep tuition among the lowest in the archdiocese at \$6,100.

Improvements to the school grounds are continuous, with improvements including a refurbished gym and cafeteria and new lockers.

Sullivan told CNY, “He made my job a lot easier. The kids who are here are so appreciative. Enrollment keeps going up.”

In 2012 Krebbs was one of nine Catholic educators in the country to be honored at the White House as a Champion of Change for his contribution to society. Also that year, a section of East 164th Street was named in the school’s honor: “All Hallows Way.”

school in Harlem in 1909 and moved to the Bronx location in 1929.)

Born in Larchmont, Krebbs lives there with his wife Mary Jane. They are parishioners of SS. John and Paul there.

He attended Rice High School in

“It’s never surprising to call All Hallows and find Paul in the boiler room with the building engineer or supervising the installation of computers in the library.”

—MARTIN DALY, ALL HALLOWS HIGH SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMAN

Martin Daly, class of 1970, All Hallows board chairman and senior vice president and director of News and Late Night Sales at CBS-TV, said, “It’s never surprising to call All Hallows and find Paul in the boiler room with the building engineer or supervising the installation of computers in the library.

“He works tirelessly and is very much a man devoted to the mission of Blessed Edmund Rice, the founder of the Christian Brothers,” said Daly. (The Irish Christian Brothers founded the

Manhattan and earned a bachelor’s degree in classics from Iona College in New Rochelle. He also attended Seton Hall University for a master’s degree in school administration. Before going to All Hallows, Krebbs worked in educational development for the archdiocese.

Reflecting on his career, he said, “Having attended Catholic schools, I decided to give it a try to see if I can make a difference in the lives of other people ... It’s just been inspiring to see what good can be done.”



COURTESY OF ALL HALLOWS HIGH SCHOOL

LEADER—President of All Hallows High School, Paul Krebbs, stands on the steps outside the school. Krebbs will retire after two decades of service at the Bronx school at the end of the academic year. He served there as principal, 1982-1988, and president, 2003-2015.



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Gala Raises More Than \$900,000 for Inner-City Scholarship Fund

By JULIANN DosSANTOS

What is: “Donate your winnings to the Inner-City Scholarship Fund?”

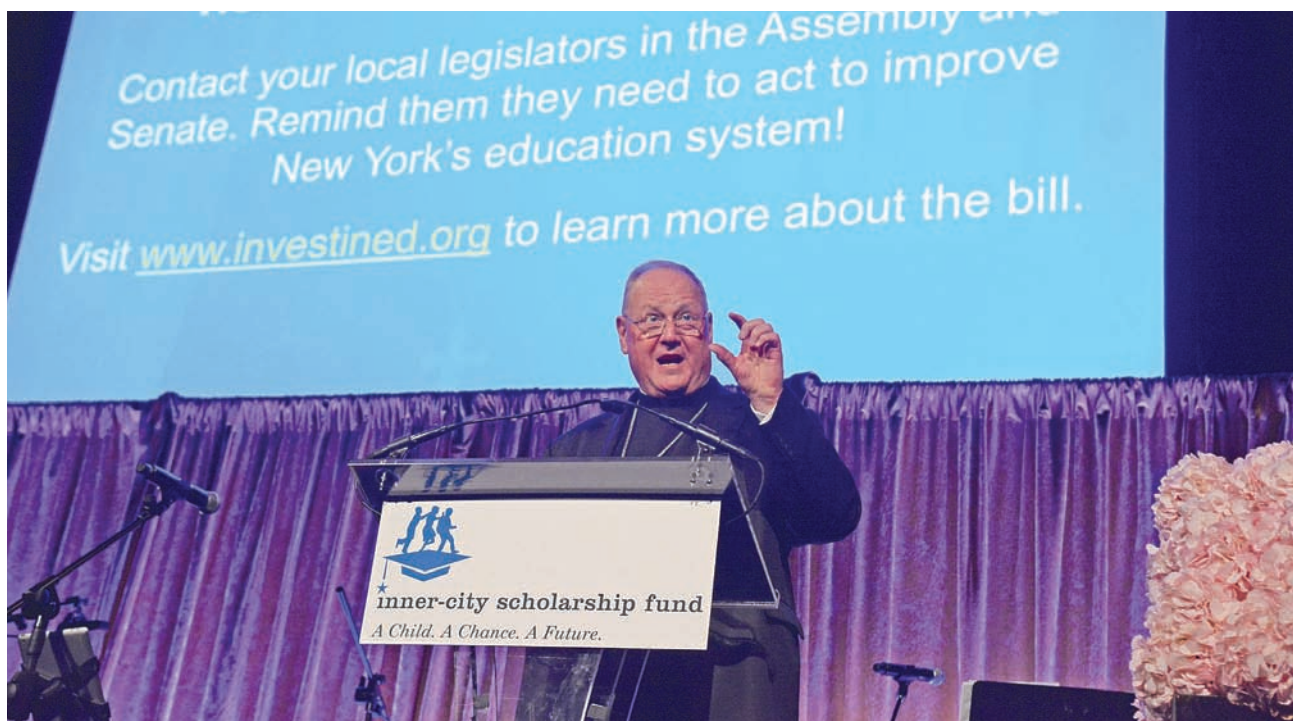
That was just what comedian Mo Rocca, a supporter and trustee of the Inner-City Scholarship Fund (ICSF), did when he won second place on the television show Jeopardy. While he didn’t win the game, he did win the hearts of countless children with his donation of more than \$40,000.

The announcement of Rocca’s Jeopardy appearance came during 39th annual Friends of Inner-City Scholarship Fund gala, held at the Manhattan restaurant Cipriani’s on May 12. The event raised more than \$900,000 from guests who cheered when they learned about the Jeopardy competition, which aired the next day.

“Inner-City helps children go to Catholic schools in Manhattan, Bronx and Staten Island, and it would not be possible without all of you,” said Susan George, executive director of ICSF, addressing the 425 guests at the gala.

ICSF, founded in 1971 by Cardinal Terence Cooke and a group of business executives, provides tuition assistance to low-income students attending inner-city Catholic schools in the archdiocese.

One of the students, Joralysa Conley, a senior at Notre Dame School of Manhattan and a participant of ICSF’s “Be A Student’s Friend” program, told the guests that Notre Dame “teaches us the value of community” and said the school also taught her to be



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Catholic schools in the three participating boroughs are assisted by ICSF, and that 98 percent of seniors attending inner-city Catholic high schools graduate and 96 percent attend college.

Gala Chairs were Katherine and John Doyle. The Bronx choirs of St. Raymond Academy for Girls and

ON-SCREEN—Cardinal Dolan speaks at the Inner-City Friends Gala at Cipriani’s in Manhattan May 12 as information about the Education Tax Credit Bill is displayed on the screen behind him. To learn more about the bill visit www.investined.org.

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SUSAN GEORGE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ICSF

“a woman for others.” Because of that, she said, she hopes to one day be a sponsor to a child as well.

The emcee for the evening was WNYW-FOX 5’s Dari Alexander, who shared details about the program, including that more than 7,000 students in inner-city

St. Raymond High School for Boys performed.

Before the invocation, Cardinal Dolan thanked those who make the ICSF possible. He noted the words of Jesus, who said, “Go teach all nations.”

“The Church has been doing that extraordinarily

well and we couldn’t do it without the grace and mercy of God and without your generosity,” the cardinal said.

The cardinal also recognized the deaths of three great leaders and proponents of the ICSF and Catholic education: Cardinal Egan, archbishop emeritus; Ann Mara, a philanthropist and, after the death of her husband, Wellington Mara, a co-owner of the New York Giants; and Frank Rooney, chairman of H.H. Brown Shoe Company and the former chairman and chief executive officer of Melville Corporation.



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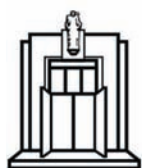
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INSPIRING—Cardinal Dolan delivers the commencement address May 17 at Le Moyne College in Syracuse. He told students that “knowledge is what’s in your noggin. Wisdom is what’s in your heart and soul. Knowledge teaches us how to get, and wisdom teaches us how to give. Knowledge teaches us how things operate and work, and wisdom teaches us how things are.” The cardinal was also conferred an honorary degree at the ceremony. —CNS

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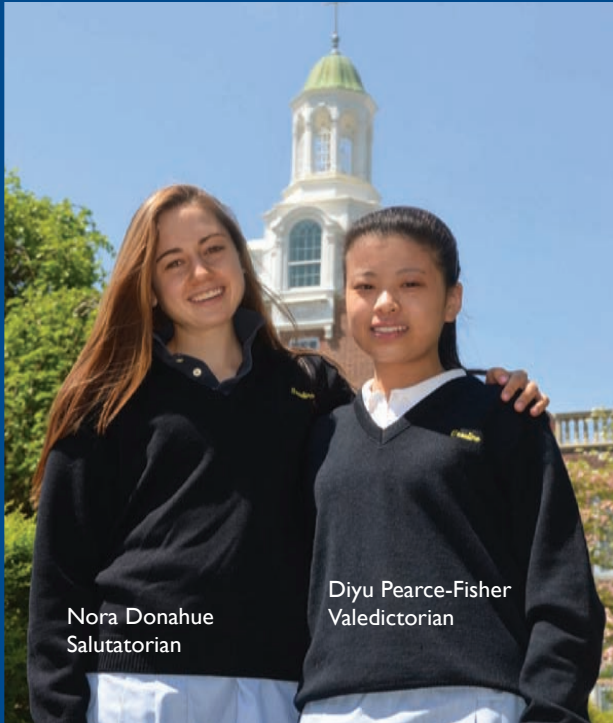
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School Notes

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

St. Adalbert's School on Staten Island is taking education to the tech-level. And fourth grade teacher Krissy Shashaty is leading the way. As part of a five-year plan, the archdiocese has been encouraging the Staten Island schools to start shifting from printed textbooks to open educational resources (OER). These free, web-based materials combine videos, slide shows, e-books, PDFs, text, audio books, web links, interactive programs and other media.

To help educators make the transition from print- to web-based educational tools, the archdiocese enlisted the help of Net Texts. The New York City-based company offers both a content management system for teachers and an app for students. The Net Texts system lets teachers choose from a library of educator-approved resources, all aligned with Common Core State Standards, and deliver them directly to classroom computers or to the students' "smart" devices.

Students from six elementary schools participated in the "District 2 Speech Contest for the Modern Woodmen of America Contest." The contest asks students in grades five through eight to prepare a 3-5 minute speech and present it. The winners were: Claire Perry, **Our Lady of Pompeii, Manhattan**, sixth grade, first place; Alessandra Olivieri, **Transfiguration, Manhattan**, fifth grade, second place, and Ikki Kaijima, **Our Lady of Pompeii, Manhattan**, eighth grade, third place.

The 2015 **Mount St. Michael Academy** Academic Challenge took place May 7 at the Bronx school. The "Academic Olympics" is designed to showcase the excellence of local Catholic elementary schools. The 11 sixth through eighth grade teams had one hour to compete in math, while the fifth grade students competed in a spelling bee.

The award winners are: Team Awards: **St. Gabriel's, the Bronx**, first place; **St. Paul the Apostle, Yonkers**, second place; **Villa Maria Academy, the Bronx**, third place. Spelling Bee: first place, Collin McGee, **St. Paul the Apostle**; second place, Brendan Byrne, **St. Margaret of Cortona, the Bronx**; third place, Ronan Tuffy, **St. John the Baptist, Yonkers**. Math: first place, **St. Gabriel's**; second place, **St. Eugene's, Yonkers**; third place, **St. Athanasius, the Bronx**.

Although handwriting in many places is drifting away into the annals of history just like the written manuscripts of medieval monks, **Mount Saint Michael Academy's Middle School in the Bronx** penmanship contest is keeping the craft alive. The school held a cursive contest for students in sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grades. The students were asked to inscribe the poem "Dream" by Langston Hughes. The principal, Brother Steve Schlitte, F.M.S., introduced the contest this year as a way to promote a new and different form of healthy competition among the young men. He said, "Our students rose to the challenge and took great pride in the assignment."

HIGH SCHOOLS

Catholic Relief Services is teaming up with Catholic high schools across the nation in a partnership called the CRS Global High School program.

Iona Preparatory School in New Rochelle, which was one of the pilot schools of the initiative, will continue to serve as a model for educators in the United States.

Since beginning the pilot in 2011, teachers and administrators, along with CRS staff, have worked together to create a rich and relevant collection of re-

sources schools may use to introduce and explore the concepts of global solidarity with their students. Lesson plans, prayer services and school-wide events have been designed and tested by the 14 pilot schools across the country.

What makes the CRS Global High Schools special is that the topics of social justice and global solidarity are not limited to one department, but rather are designed to be integrated into all aspects of the schools' academic, religious and social life. The entire school community—administrators, faculty, staff, students and parents—can engage in planning and implementing the components of the program.

Natasha Driver, a senior at **St. Jean Baptiste High School in Manhattan**, was named a Posse Scholar by the Posse Foundation.

The Posse Foundation supports scholars from their senior year of high school throughout college and into the workforce. Every year, Posse works closely with its network of high schools and community-based organizations to recruit Posse Scholars. Each Posse Scholar wins a four-year, full-tuition scholarship to attend one of Posse's partner colleges or universities. Natasha will use her scholarship toward DePauw University in the fall where she will study STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) fields.

Natasha has been part of school clubs and activities, including the National Honor Society as president, a student ambassador, the Girls Who Code Club, the Latina Dance Team and People to People student ambassadors. She was also part of a program at Cornell Medical College and participated in an AOL paid internship.

Carlos Ycaza-Zurita, 18, a senior at **Mount St. Michael Academy in the Bronx**, is one of the recipients of the 2015 New York Times Scholarship Award. As an award winner, he will receive a four-year college scholarship, mentoring and a summer internship at The New York Times.

Send school-related news to Juliann DosSantos at jdossantos@cny.org.

Lourdes Swimmer Commits to Iona

Our Lady of Lourdes High School senior swimmer Matt Bosse has signed a national letter of intent to swim for Iona College in New Rochelle. There he will study business administration.

The team captain at the Poughkeep-

sie school finished 10th in the 100-meter backstroke at the state meet this year, breaking his own school record, and 13th in the 200 individual medley. He was also on the 200-medley relay team that set a new school record.

Mount Lacrosse Player Signs with Pace

Mount St. Michael Academy in the Bronx senior lacrosse player Driton Thaqi has committed to play college lacrosse at Division II Pace University.

The Mount midfielder was the varsity captain and a first team All-League

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Art Aficionados

TALENTED—Thomas Dziubela of St. Patrick’s School on Staten Island, in first photo, below, shows his first-place winning artwork in the learner’s division, from the archdiocesan Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Art and Essay Contest. The ceremony was held May 15 at the New York Catholic Center in Manhattan.

In second place, in second photo, below: Victoria Robustello of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, LaGrangeville, in the elite division, holds her portrait of a lion; Hunter Davenport of St. Peter’s, Kingston, in the master’s division, and Nicole Benros of St. Augustine’s, Ossining, in the beginner’s division.

In third place, in photo at right: Tais Messado of St. Augustine’s, Ossining, master’s division, at far left, holds her painting of an apple; Mia Montan of St. Clare of Assisi, the Bronx, beginner’s division; Ava DePascale, also of St. Clare of Assisi, the Bronx, learner’s division, and Sahar Victoria of St. Charles, Staten Island, in the small fry division, holds her portrait of a fish.

The essay winners were Deja George of St. Francis of Assisi, the Bronx, first place; Kaitlyn Piotrowski of St. Mary’s in Fishkill, second place, and Kyle Mangan of St. Clare of Assisi, the Bronx, third place.



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Alumni Cross Acknowledges Catholic Schooling Past, Present

By **ARMANDO MACHADO**

A unique gathering at Mount St. Michael Academy in the Bronx culminated with the blessing of a 15-foot gray concrete cross in the school's quadrangle.

The refurbished cross had graced the façade of Bishop Dubois High School in Harlem during the school's 30 years of existence until it closed in 1976.

The May 16 blessing was a Bishop Dubois alumni project, a celebration of the past and present.

The inscription on the monument reads, "Grateful Alumni of Bishop Dubois High School, 1946-1976, dedicate this cross to the Marist Brothers, NY diocesan priests, lay faculty, staff and students."

The cross was stored for about six years in a Harlem firehouse (143rd Street station) after being salvaged while the school building was being demolished in 2002. It was later transferred to the academy.

Father James Healy, a 1959 graduate of Bishop Dubois and pastor of St. Paul the Apostle parish in Yonkers, led the blessing of the cross with holy water.

"Dubois for me was memories of fantastic teachers—the fathers were fantastic and the brothers were spectacular," Father Healy said during the 25-minute Saturday afternoon ceremony.

The Dubois Marist Cross is now mounted on a slab of sleek black granite. More than 20 alumni attended the ceremony.

Three other priests assisted with the blessing: Msgr. Patrick Barry and Msgr. Dermot Brennan, both retired priests of the archdiocese, and Father John Martin, M.M., a retired Maryknoll missionary. Father Martin attended Bishop Dubois during part of his high school years; Msgr. Barry and Msgr. Brennan were teachers there.

Ceremony speakers shared the special spiritual and educational foundation they received from attending Bishop Dubois High School—important life lessons based on Catholic Church teachings.

Mount St. Michael Academy was chosen as the new site for the cross in large part because it is run by Marist Brothers, as was Bishop Dubois High School. Both are all-boy schools. Mount St. Michael, which opened in 1926, is a college

preparatory school for grades 6-12.

The founders of the Dubois Marist Cross project, all Dubois graduates, are: George Febles, Class of 1958 and his brother, John Febles, Class of 1962, and James Kilkenny, Richard Palandrani and Nicholas Visconti, all 1962 graduates. Visconti is a retired deputy fire chief from the 143rd Street station. Palandrani was the project architect.

"This has been a very long journey. It started in 2002," Visconti said of the genesis of the idea to refurbish the cross and find a new home for it.

Organizers said funds are still needed for the \$25,000 project.

Dubois High was located on West



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BLESSED—Msgr. Dermot Brennan, a retired priest of the archdiocese, blesses the refurbished cross that graced the façade of Bishop Dubois High School in Harlem during the school's 30 years of existence. It now has a new home at Mount St. Michael Academy in the Bronx.

152nd Street at Amsterdam Avenue in Manhattan. Mount St. Michael is located at 4300 Murdock Ave. in the North Bronx.

After the ceremony, participants were invited to a reception inside the school, and later for a gathering at a nearby restaurant "to continue the conversation in good will," as Dr. Anthony Miserandino, president of Mount St. Michael Academy, phrased it. "It's a great commonality of the two schools—the teachings of the Marist Brothers," Dr. Miserandino noted.

The ceremony occurred while a track meet was getting under way on the campus not far from the dedication site—students from Mount St. Michael and other area Catholic schools participating in a friendly competition among the present generation of Catholic high schools.



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