

NOVEMBER 2017

A NEWSLETTER FOR ALUMNI, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

FROM THE CO-DIRECTORS

Dear Friends,

NEWS FATIGUE is a malady most of us suffer from these days. It seems news reports are full of the proverbial wars and rumors of war. Recently waiting for children in the garden club to be picked up by their families the adult supervisor commented on the clear blue sky and the jet streams visible from two planes overhead. "Yes," replied one of the girls, "they are practicing for the war." In addition to such preoccupation we see and hear painful events resulting from racism and nationalism. We may sigh and ask, "What is the antidote for all this?"

With justifiable pride we say METRO CATHOLIC IS JUST SUCH AN ANTIDOTE. We are clearly a microcosm of the world with a very multicultural student body and a setting of peace. Each day we challenge and then acknowledge ways our students and staff live our theme CONNECT, RESPECT AND PROTECT.

It was once said that America was the world's best hope. We believe Metro Catholic is the hope of our neighborhood, city, and yes, even the world.

Sincerely,

Sr. Anne Maline, SND
Co-Director

Mrs. Mary Lou Toler
Co-Director



MEETING SCIENCE OUTDOORS

Students enjoy hands-on learning

This fall twelve 7th and 8th graders experienced an unforgettable hands-on learning opportunity. Thanks to a Scholarship from Ohio Sea Grant and the Andrews Foundation, students traveled to study Lake Erie via Middle Bass Island and then to Gibraltar Island where Ohio State University has its Stone Laboratory. This educational island hosts elementary through graduate level classes and provides hands-on learning in many biological sciences.

Our students used microscopes to identify plankton sampled from the lake. They went on a two-hour cruise on a research boat where they learned how to collect data on the water's health with both modern and traditional tools. They measured varying air speed and temperature, oxygen content and light density variances and even collected samples of fish and invertebrates to study later in the lab.

Fish dissection and a discussion of glacial and global climate effects on our region completed a wonderful day of science and learning. The students received high praise from their instructor who commented that they were "One of the most well behaved and knowledgeable groups I've ever worked with."



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metrocatholic.org

Our 2017 Humphrey Award Winners

The Patience & George Humphrey Society gathered on Sunday, October 1st at Historic St. Stephen Church. After the ceremony, guests were able to tour the buildings and enjoy refreshments and fellowship together.

Congratulations to the 2017 Honorees:

- House of Champions Founding Mothers
Sr. Mary Kay Conkey, OSU
Sr. Karen Bohan, OSU
Sr. Nanette Zeimet, SND
- St. Barbara Parish
- Third Federal Foundation

The Patience & George Humphrey Society was established in 2009 to encourage and recognize donors who desire to provide sustaining support for Metro Catholic School.



The Founding Mothers of the House of Champions. Front: Sr. Nanette Zeimet, SND, Sr. Mary Kay Conkey, OSU, Sr. Karen Bohan, OSU. Back: Sr. Anne Maline, SND



Fr. Joseph Hilinski and parishioners from St. Barbara Parish accept the Humphrey Award.

Left: Mr. Kurt Karakul accepts the Humphrey Award for Third Federal Foundation. Here he is with Mrs. Mary Lou Toler and Sr. Anne Maline, SND.



Thanks to all our Donors

A Prayer for Thanksgiving

Loving God,

We turn our hearts to you on this day for giving thanks,
mindful of your many gifts.

For each one, we are grateful. For each one, we are blessed.

For each one we are opened to the abundance of your love.

May this Thanksgiving Day offer a reminder
to be generous with others, as you are with us.

We praise you. We rejoice in you. We give you thanks. Amen.



SAVE THE DATE

Metro Catholic at The Cleveland Playhouse

Join us for
"MARIE AND ROSETTA"
Tuesday, January 23 at 7:00 pm
The Allen Theatre



Pre Show Reception
Hearty Appetizers / Bar Service
Allen Theatre Lobby at 5:30 pm

Ticket info at: 216-634-2854



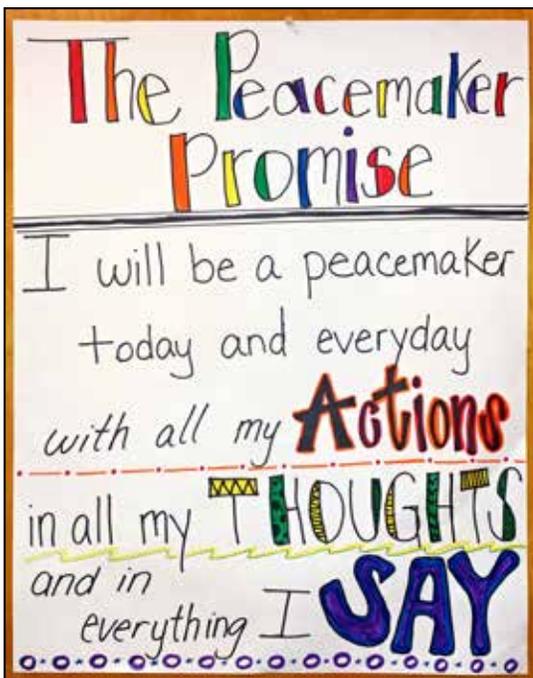
Our International Day of Peace

Celebrated on September 21st

2017 Peace Day Theme: Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All.

The International Day of Peace (“Peace Day”) provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace.

The kindergarten through 4th grade students have a program called “Peace Pals.” They meet once a month and the students pair up with another homeroom. They learn about peaceful things, and how to be a Peacemaker not a Peace-breaker!



Thank you to the Seniors from Beaumont High School for helping the kindergarten and first grade students tie-dye their Peace Pals shirts! The 2nd through 4th grade students were able to tie-dye their own shirts, with the help of their teachers. They turned out so colorful and beautiful!

The Peacemaker Promise

The students recite this pledge before their monthly Peace Pals meeting.



Students pray for peace at the prayer service.

Our school raised over \$800.00 in Hurricane relief funds.

Chalk Board Corner

Kaylin Akerly always wanted to be a teacher. In fact, she recalls becoming aware of this passion when she was only a second grader! As a second grader, she knew in her heart that she wanted to grow up to be a second-grade teacher!

As she advanced in her education, teaching became more than a career option for her; it became her calling in life.

Kaylin's aunt was her first role model in the education world. Although she lived a distance away, she always found ways to connect with Kaylin. She would send stickers, workbooks and other items from her classroom. When she came to visit, she would bring papers for Kaylin to help grade. She was always finding ways to support Kaylin's interest in becoming a classroom teacher. Last year her aunt retired

from the teaching profession and sent Kaylin many items she found useful during her years as a teacher. However, the most important/special piece from her classroom that she passed on to Kaylin was a quilt she routinely hung in her classroom. This quilt was stitched by Kaylin's great aunt. Along with the quilt she sent a letter explaining what the quilt meant to her. Kaylin states: "It is my hope that one day I will be able to pass this piece of artwork to someone in my family just as eager and passionate to be a teacher as my aunt and I have been."

Kaylin received both her Early Childhood



Education and Masters in Advanced Studies in Reading degrees from John Carroll University and has been teaching at Metro Catholic School for the past 3 years.

We are fortunate and blessed to have so many quality teachers like Kaylin on our staff!

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