

THE GOOD NEWS IN OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



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NET RETREAT GROWING IN FAITH

Students from **St. Rita, Our Mother of Mercy** and **St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Schools** recently participated in a retreat facilitated by the National Evangelization Team or NET for short. "We have been bringing NET to facilitate retreats for our older middle school students in the Center City Schools for about six years," said Christina Mendez, Principal of St. Peter's and former NET member. NET retreats are facilitated by trained teams of men and women ages 18-28 who make a commitment for a school year to live and travel in community and facilitate retreats in parishes and schools across the United States.

The retreat began with games and skits, moved into small groups facilitated by the team members and then the main talk was shared along with reinforcing dramas and personal testimonies from the team members. The students sang songs, did some activities in small group and also had time to discuss the talk within their small groups. The day ended with an opportunity for quiet reflective prayer and the final talk covered the four tools the students can use- prayer, sacraments, fellowship and service- to help them grow in their relationship with God. The NET members were very enthusiastic about the Catholic faith, which, in turn, helped the students to see it is "okay" to be excited about sharing the faith. When asked their impressions of the day, eighth grader Elena Allen of St. Peter School answered with an enthusiastic, "That retreat was so GREAT!"



DON MILLER, SUPERINTENDENT

As we move toward the end of yet another school year, I have been struck recently by a commercial on television where a voice quotes, over scenes of the modern world, the words of a famous Walt Whitman poem, "you are here...

the powerful play goes on, and you may yet contribute a verse."

The verse that Our Catholic schools are focused on contributing is based the fact that Jesus Christ became human and thereby entered into all of human history. Our Church through scripture, magisterial teachings and tradition, has passed on that Good News. Our Catholic schools are one of the powerful ways this happens. For those of us who serve our Catholic schools, both

as the people of God and professional Catholic educators, our primary responsibility is to live out the authentic Gospel, to and for our students, their families, our communities and, yes, even ourselves. We have received the great gift of Faith, nurtured and developed by our families and own formation experiences, and now we must pass it forward by our words and actions. Our responsibility is to proclaim the entire Gospel message, not just what is comfortable or easy for us as individuals.

Obviously, this does not mean that us Catholic schools folks don't make mistakes or have failings. The world can be a messy place and so is each of our lives. But to paraphrase Mother Theresa, God didn't call us to be perfect; He called us to be faithful. But each of us, in our own way, is called to teach and serve. At the conclusion of this school year, I will have spent 48 years of my

life serving our Church in her Catholic schools. I remain energized and committed to doing even better what we have always done well. I often hear folks talk fondly of the past golden times for Catholic schools. I say there is only now. This is the time God has given us. This is where we are and we must strive, with God's help and grace, to make our Catholic schools an ongoing force of evangelization and formation. I see, day after day, administrators, teachers and support staff striving to provide a daily encounter with the person of Jesus and fold the presence and power of God into all our students learn and experience. I am grateful for all that all these professional educators do and even more grateful to parents and students for allowing us the privilege to teach, serve and live out our Faith.

Indeed, we are here; the powerful play does go on and we will continue to contribute new verses.

OUR MOTHER OF MERCY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Our Mother of Mercy Catholic School presented its annual Black History Month Program recently at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church. Father Jerome LeDoux opened the event with a prayer, the OMM Cpt. Claude Platte Cadet Corps presented the Colors, followed by “You are the Shepherd”, sung by Jaida Bookman-Davis, Anaiah Barrera, Megan Miller, Zariyah Smith, Ananda Dobbins, Taryn Edwards and Marisol Salazar. An outstanding black history presentation of “We look to the Past to Plan the Future” was given by Ms. Yanaros’ kindergarten class. The first through fourth grade classes, taught by Mrs. Bernier, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Allen, gave a presentation entitled, “Who Am I? Hero Addition”, where audience participation was at its peak as parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles provided the correct answers about famous African Americans. The third through sixth graders gave exciting renditions of an “African Dance”. Mr. Williams’ seventh and eighth grades gave a thought provoking presentation entitled “I AM”. The program culminated with OMM’s pride and joy, Mrs. Masters and Mrs. McDaniel’s Pre-K3 and Pre-K4 classes, who presented “Black History”.



ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC SCHOOL



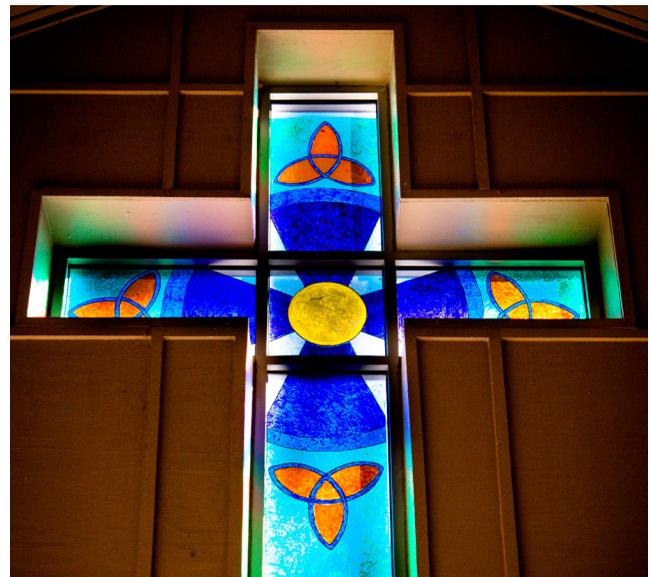
St. George Catholic School students participated in the school’s first Ever Living History Museum offering a creative and engaging way to research, learn, and present famous historical figures. Since February was Black History Month, students from kindergarten through sixth grade researched famous African Americans, while seventh and eighth graders researched famous Texan and American Revolutionary figures from their respective Social Studies curriculum.

Then with the St. George gym transformed into the feel of a wax museum with over sixty historical figures on display, parents were invited to attend a fun evening of events. Upon ringing a small bell, each student would come “alive” sharing his or her life story, or reenacting some famous moment of their life. From Ray Charles playing the keyboard to Mae Jemison maneuvering in her astronaut suit, excitement filled the air. “Walking around the gym, seeing everyone dressed as a famous person was a fun and interesting way to learn about who they were,” explained sixth grader, Aliya Castaneda.

“What a great way for students to take ownership of a project, by utilizing their research skills to bring history to life! What made this event really stand out was the way parents, students and teachers were all able to take part in this unique display of our students’ talents,” remarked Nicole Bayer, fifth grade teacher.

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Twenty years ago, Holy Trinity Catholic School opened with 92 students and nine faculty members in preschool, kindergarten, and first grade. Five modular classroom buildings at St. Michael Catholic Church in Bedford were home until 1997, when the current Grapevine location opened with 16 classrooms, a multi-purpose room, and administrative office. 2013-2014 is Holy Trinity’s 20th school year and a time to celebrate. The Third Annual Crusader Classic Golf Tournament on Monday, April 28, will kick off two weeks of special events planned to commemorate the important milestone. An anniversary reception for past and present families, alumni, faculty, staff, pastors, parishioners, and donors will be held on Thursday, May 1, at St. Michael, to honor the school’s original home. The 340 current students in Pre-K4 through eighth grade will celebrate one day with a traditional birthday party for their school, and Teacher Appreciation Day will include Mass, May Crowning, and a special blessing for the current faculty and staff members. The annual panoramic picture, sports banquet, and book fair sponsored by the Home & School Association, will also be taking place during the weeks, all embracing the 20th Anniversary Celebration as part of the event themes. Grandparent’s Day on Friday, May 9, will close the official events, but celebrating 20 years of Catholic education at Holy Trinity is a memorable step on our way to many more anniversaries.



ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC SCHOOL



One of the goals of educating our children is to teach them how to behave like young ladies and gentlemen. Who better to help with this education than their parents?

Many years ago, the idea of a Father-Daughter dance, called the Butterfly Ball, was born. The purpose of the semi-formal dance is for fathers to take their daughters on a "date" and teach them how a gentleman should treat a young lady, and how a young lady should behave in return. The dance is a favorite event for the fathers and daughters at **St. Andrew Catholic School**, and many of our students have attended the dance since kindergarten.

After a few years, it became evident that the male students would also benefit from a similar activity, thus started the Jammin' Fun Mother-Son Dance. With the similar goal of teaching their sons how to treat a lady and how she should behave in return, moms and sons dress in semi-formal attire and attend the dance. These dances provide a unique opportunity for our students to learn proper social skills in a fun and safe environment, with the ones who love them most providing the lessons.

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

This spring marks the 15th year anniversary of Julio Suarez serving as art teacher at **St. Joseph Catholic School**. Every Wednesday, he commutes from his Plano home to work with kindergarten through eighth grade students in Arlington and share years of experience.

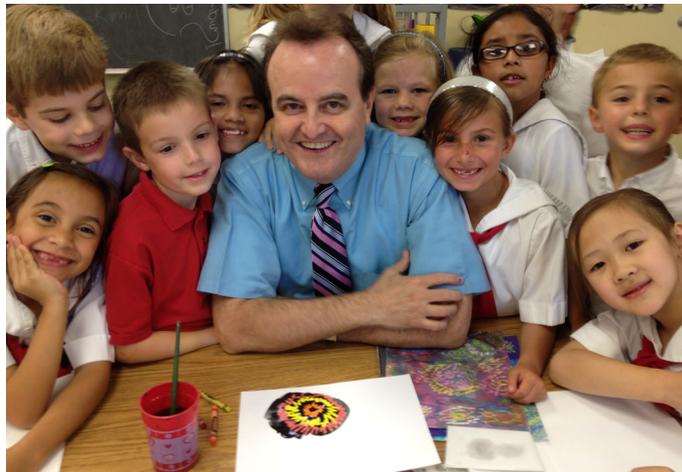
The first time Suarez visited the school, it was April 1998 and the school was South Arlington Catholic. That year, the visiting teaching artist presented a lesson on Lenten art.

"One of the highlights of teaching art in a Catholic school is having the opportunity to introduce Christian art in the classroom," Suarez boasts. During Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter, students study iconography, Christian symbolism, New Testament narratives, and create portraits of Jesus.

Suarez was instrumental in starting the Student Art Exhibit at the school. Each year, students are invited to produce artwork based on that year's theme. The artwork is framed and displayed in the school library art gallery for all to enjoy throughout the school year.

When not teaching at SJCS or conducting his after school art program, Suarez works as a teaching artist with Big Thought, Young Audiences of Northeast Texas and as an independent contractor with St. Gregory Cathedral School in Tyler. Suarez has taught special needs youth and adults in Plano Parks and Recreation Therapeutic program bi-annually since 1992.

"I am blessed to be able to make a living doing something I love: making art and teaching art," adds Suarez.



During the 9th Annual Middle School Science Fair in February, the seventh and eighth grade science students at **All Saints Catholic School** presented experiments to the rest of the student body and a panel of judges. There was a broad range of experiments included topics varying from pollution and air quality, ways to improve plant growth (don't water with milk!), and how to clean up oil spills. The judges were professional scientists from the University of North Texas (UNT) Health Science Center, several who had some connection to All Saints or Nolan Catholic before going to college. Student body favorites included a project on the effect of music on concentration (they loved the idea of listening to music while working), and how to build a microscope using a cell phone. "I thought seeing the samples with the microscope was cool," one third grader wrote. Ally Arellano said, "The science fair was thumbs up!" Top winners were Andrea Acosta exploring Facebook and loneliness, Andrew Garcia exploring factors that affect evaporation, and Carolina Balderas exploring the effects of music on concentration.

ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. John the Apostle Catholic School was pleased to have one of its alumna return to visit the school and speak to its students. State Representative Stephanie Klick spoke to the fifth through eighth grade students in January as part of our Catholic Schools Week celebration. Rep. Klick spoke to the students about her experiences in Austin and how the legislative process works. She brought with her a class picture from 1968 and her letter sweater which was green. The school colors have changed and are now navy blue and white.

Most importantly, she spoke about the quality of education she received at St. John and the formation it provided her. She commented on how her Catholic education had instilled in her moral courage to defend the truth even in the face of considerable opposition. Having been a nurse for thirty years before being elected a legislator and being a Catholic, she was a staunch defender of the pro-life legislation that caused so much controversy last summer at the state capitol. The strength of her faith and her convictions carried her through some very tense moments during that legislative session.



CASSATA HIGH SCHOOL



In January, Gabe Salazar from Just Say YES (Youth Equipped to Succeed) visited Cassata High School. Cassata students had the pleasure of hearing Gabe speak about saying YES to their dreams and goals.

Just Say YES is a nonprofit organization that motivates teens to thrive through youth speakers and classroom curriculum. Their goal is to empower students to make the right decisions in their lives.

Gabe Salazar is a nationally-known, professional youth speaker. Like many of Cassata's students, Gabe overcame many obstacles on his journey to becoming the first in his family to go to college. Last year, over half of Cassata's graduates were the first in their family to earn a high school diploma.

After hearing Gabe speak, one Cassata student stated, "Dreams really do come true if you work for it." Another student added, "You helped me understand that I am not missing out on my dad, he's missing out on ME!"

Gabe will be the guest speaker at Cassata's annual fundraiser, Noche de Gracias, on May 6, 2014.

NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Veteran Notre Dame Catholic School PE teacher, Mary Cluley wanted to try something new this year and came up with the idea of Movement with Moms and PE with Pops. Movement with Moms was held in the fall and elementary moms were invited to participate in their child's PE class for the day. Mrs. Cluley said, "The idea is to teach families and students to be life-long movers." Parents participated in activities like



Beethoven's Five Finger Play, Hawaiian Roller Coaster, Hot Potato Plank Tag, Glow in the Dark Circle Passing and Star Wars Newspaper Relay. Dr. Paul Hurst, father of 4k and second grade students Lucas and Julian, said, "It was lots of fun. The smile on my kids' faces made it very special and worthwhile. It definitely made my day."

Mrs. Cluley has been at the school for 20 years. Her husband and three children graduated from Notre Dame. She is an integral part of the success of NDCS and continues to create innovative, exciting methods to teach children about health and fitness.

ST. MARIA GORETTI CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Maria Goretti Catholic School hosted a national best-selling author and youth motivational speaker, Brooks Gibbs. Mr. Gibbs has spoken to over one million students, hosted radio/tv shows, and has been featured as an expert in *The Washington Post*, *Teen People Magazine*, and interviewed on CBS. This wonderful opportunity was made possible by a grant provided by Office Depot. Students in grades four – eight were entertained by Mr. Gibbs' personal stories of being bullied. They were enlightened as he explained that the way to relate to everyone, including bullies, is to use the Golden Rule: treating everyone like a friend. His funny and energetic examples showed the students how getting upset with bullies only makes things worse.

"He was really funny at telling his stories of his bullies and how he solved his problems by not getting upset," said fifth grader Abioli Malek. "I learned that love was greater than hate and to treat everyone like a friend, even a bully," said Anya Marquino, also a fifth grader.



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL



New this year at Holy Family Catholic School, preschool students are spending quality time in chapel under the guidance of some newfound friends. The preschoolers have been partnered up with seventh grade buddies and the friendships are proving to be a blessing for everyone. The older students look forward to this special time and rise to the challenge of setting a good example for the younger ones. The preschool students are flattered by the attention and enjoy the opportunity to learn songs, prayers and proper behavior for such a holy and special place. Peyton Fisher, seventh grader, says, "It helps me to understand my faith when I have to explain big ideas to little kids." This program is one way the students of Holy Family Catholic School live out the gospel message of Matthew 18:3, "... Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC SCHOOL



"The kingdom of God is like... a mustard seed... the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade." Mark 4:30-32

The faculty, staff, parents and parish of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School work to nurture our students and rejoice as they sprout before us. As they grow, we transplant them in the garden of high school. We wonder if birds can perch in their shade.

An article from the Keller Citizen names Charles Crum and Lindsey Faust, two former students, as National Merit finalists at Keller High School. Bill Wigton, reports that his daughter, Elizabeth, a ninth grader at Northwest, is tied for first with another former SEAS student in their class. Roarke McKinzie, a senior this year at Northwest, is ranked fourth in his class.

Truly, the seeds we planted are becoming "the largest of all garden plants"

ST. RITA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

This January, the school's annual science fair was judged by several successful St. Rita Catholic School alumni. Chris Behan, class of 2001, holds a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in biology and is currently a medical student at the UNT Medical Health Center. Melissa Hampton, class of 2004, holds a BS degree in biology and works on a ranch and at St. Rita School. Kaylen Short, class of 2003, holds a BS degree in aerospace engineering and is employed at Bell Helicopter. All three judges were impressed with the students' enthusiasm and thoroughness during their interviews. Hampton remembered how she became more interested in science through her own science fair when she was a student at St. Rita's. She was happy to be able to give back to the school in this way. This was a good experience for the students seeing first-hand young, successful alumni who have pursued careers in science.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

“It’s like a petting zoo!” seventh grader Hannah Payne exclaimed as she perused the blipping of creatures ranging from a giraffe, elephant, ferret, owl, koala, peacock, and even a bunny. It’s time for



Mrs. Jezek’s Service Sewing Class, and the students are ecstatic.

The service sewing class is one of **Immaculate Conception Catholic School’s** new elective offerings for middle school students. Student engagement and hands-on learning is evident in the sewing class as it is in the other new ICCS elective classes.

“Right sides together, so when you cut it out, it is ready to be sewn,” guided instructor Tina Jezek. “If you make your pattern right, you can use it over and over again,” she advises.

The class has made sunglass holders, potholders, pillows and pencil cases. The students also assisted Mrs. Jezek in brainstorming designs for the school’s Spring One-Act Play production. The stuffed animals they are presently working on will go to Catholic Charities as part of a service project. Next on the horizon is “Little Dresses for Africa”, part of a global service effort to provide dresses for those in need.

The sewing class has certainly energized the students. “I don’t think I would have learned to sew,” said student Caitlin Prater. “I want to be a fashion designer,” said Julia Musacchio. Other feedback includes, “I asked my mom if I can get a sewing machine for my birthday” and “I LOVE this class!”

NOLAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

In February, **Nolan Catholic High School’s** pre-engineering robotics team – the RoboVikes – were invited to the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History to participate in an event highlighting National Engineers Week.

The event was geared toward getting kids interested in math, science, engineering, and technology. The RoboVikes demonstrated various robots and then let the visiting kids (and adults) play with them. “I love seeing the excitement from the kids as they ‘played’ with the robots,” said Dr. Robert Scheer, Nolan’s pre-engineering director and RoboVikes coach. “We met with more than 200 grade school kids, and everyone really enjoyed the demonstrations.”

Eight members of the RoboVikes team were on hand to answer questions about the robots and to show that engineering can be fun and doesn’t have to be complicated. They also talked to some of the parents about the robotics competitions the RoboVikes participate in, and how their children can get involved with robotics. “I was astounded by the amount of interest the children showed in robotics, said Junior Kevin Pereira.

A mother of two who visited with the team posted this on the RoboVikes face book page, “Yesterday my sons and I were at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and Natural History. They had a blast

operating the robotic arms! It was the highlight of their day and probably the week. They have been talking about it yesterday and this morning. Thank you so much for teaching them to operate the arms. It really meant so much to them.”



OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Tradition is deeply rooted in the history of **Our Lady of Victory Catholic School**. Traditionally, the eighth grade class acts as the leadership for this small school. This year’s class has four students: Justin, Emma, Galilea, and Bianca, who have transformed into great leaders, and are involved in many groups and projects around school.

The eighth graders took tradition to another level. They volunteered to write, direct, and star in the school play. When they approached the principal, Ms. Petrey, she said, “I

know it will be a challenge, but I am sure you can live up to it.” Galilea, lead writer of the play, expressed, “I felt that the school needed a little diversity in the play, and I felt that the eighth grade could contribute something different and still send a positive message.” The characters tell a story of empathy as the rich kid switches bodies with the poor girl that she bullies. “Never judge anyone, especially if you don’t know him or her,” they all said of the lesson learned from the play. As backstage manager, Justin learned that working behind the scenes is just as important as being on stage. “It was not an easy task to manage the cast and crew, but it was fun,” he said.

Traditionally the eighth graders leave a gift for the school. The class has been raising funds to purchase a bench for the parents waiting for their children at dismissal. However, the most important legacy these students leave behind is setting a great example of faith and leadership for the student body. Tradition lives on at OLV!

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Mary's Catholic School is continuing the Mission a Month service program. Missions were completed for hospice and for the nursing home/parish shut-ins. Currently the school students are participating in a prayer mission.

The sixth grade class made individual finger prayer blankets for a local hospice. They are designed to bring prayer, comfort and love to those in need. Judith McGuill, coordinator of this mission said, "I shared my personal experience concerning hospice with my students and this gave a true awareness of what hospice does and how it works. This made the project take on a personal feel for the students."

During February, all students made Valentine's Day cards for the shut-ins of the parish and for the local nursing homes. Students were told a touching story about a local parishioner to make this project take on more meaning. A card was found in the belongings of a parishioner who had passed away. It was a handmade card designed by a student from SMS that was a special treasure and held on to for several years. Students then understood how one simple thing can mean the world to another person. Simple acts of kindness never go unnoticed. Third graders delivered these cards and Nicole Dempsey said, "The cards brought smiles to everyone and brightened their day. The students could see the true happiness brought to these people when they gave out a card. It brought a genuine sense of caring and compassion for others to the students."



ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL



This year, the junior high students at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School are participating in The Writers' Workshop as part of their Language Arts program. This program encourages students to write and, through their writing, learn grammar, spelling and punctuation rules and the revision process through editing their own work and that of their classmates. "A writer takes ideas and brings them to life on paper," said eighth grader Mia Espinoza. To demonstrate this, students were to create their own original stories based on either an already known fictional character or one from their own imagination and then illustrate their story. Students then had a publishing party where they read their stories to their class and others and, if they wanted, were able to dress up as their character and share snacks relating to their stories. "This fantasy story writing brought out the creativity in all the kids who participated," said eighth grader Cade Contreras a.k.a. Batman. "Batman helped the kids to express their feelings through writing," said Daniel Romero.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Can you meet the challenge? Principal Beckel challenged the students at Holy Cross Catholic School to complete 40 hours of service to others during a one-week period of time. Students were to keep track on a log of all the activities they did during that week to serve others.

Some students collected food for the church's food pantry, some served a meal at a local homeless shelter and some completed chores around the house. One student in the Pre K class commented, "I liked helping my mom and doing chores around the house. She was happy with me!"

Other hours of student community service included helping pick up trash at the neighborhood park, cleaning desktops in the classroom and helping sweep St. Helen's Center after lunch.

Students logged over 300 hours of service during this one week and with a small campus of only 42 students that was an amazing accomplishment. "Each of the students' contribution to our service challenge brought us closer to Jesus and we are learning each day to serve one another," Principal Beckel stated.



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All Saints: Brenda Cervantez
Cassata High School: Jack Raskopf
Holy Cross: Leonard and Tara Powell
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Immaculate Conception: Diane White
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AMERICAN WAY AWARD WINNERS

For the past 54 years, the General Worth Assembly, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters of America, have honored exemplary conduct for "love of God and country" through the American Way Award. This year, awards were given to the following eighth grade students.

All Saints
Ashley Estrada and Andres Garcia

Holy Family Catholic School
Lucy Petkovyat and Jacob Pierce

Holy Trinity
Jamil Okada and Mason Atkinson

Our Lady of Victory
Galilea Alvarez-Quepons

St. Andrew
Maggie Simmons and Alejandro Araujo

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Marissa Lynch and Fernando Kuahara

St. George
Angela Quintero and Andrew Valles

St. Joseph
Shannon Maddock and Carl Crisafulli

St. Maria Goretti
Teresa Vu and Matthew Ontiveros

St. Peter the Apostle
Mia Espinoza and Cade Contreras

St. Rita
Beatriz Hernandez and Jesus Barragan