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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

by Cheri Bowe

Dear Alumni,



One of the many benefits of faith-based education is that it offers a unique ability to enter into the seasonal devotions. During the Lenten and Easter Season, St. Peter's School had an opportunity to focus on the mystery of God's infinite Mercy. The Mercy of God is a constant theme throughout the Old and New Testament. God's Mercy is perfectly revealed through the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus.

In 2000, Pope John Paul II at the Canonization process of St. Maria Faustina Kowolaska, declared that the first Sunday after Easter was henceforth to be known and celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. The declaration officially sanctioning an already popular private devotion.

The students, parents and staff at St. Peter's School had an opportunity to learn about this fascinating saint and her mystical messages from God on the subject of Mercy. Jesus taught her a special prayer called the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and gave her an image of Himself as a means of fostering devotion to the God of infinite Mercy. Jesus also told St. Faustina that mankind would never know peace until it snuggles close to His merciful heart.

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2007 School Calendar

- May 11 - May Crowning - after Mass
- May 11 - Kindergarten - 2nd grade musical
The Little Red Hen - 7:00 p.m.
- May 17 - Classical Music Concert,
Dr. Joe Henry
- May 28 - No School - Memorial Day
- May 31 - Graduation Mass - 7:00 p.m.
- June 1 - Last Day of School -
Field Day at Rebecca Park
- July 4 - 4th of July parade in Delano
- September 4 - First Day of School

On October 6, 2006 Mrs. Mildred "Millie" Kraemer passed away. Mrs. Kraemer moved to Delano in 1963 and was principal at St. Peter's School for many years. She thoroughly enjoyed her work and her students over the years. This issue is dedicated to Mrs. Kraemer, for the many years she dedicated to the children of St. Peter's School.

***Have you moved? Planning to move?
St. Peter's School would like to stay in touch. Contact us by phone,
mail or at our website <http://www.stpetersschool-delano.com>.***

DEAR ST. PETER'S SCHOOL

LETTERS FROM THE READERS

I am a 1948 graduate, and I still have a sick call set that I received for selling seeds in '47 and '48 -
Jim Altoff

I remember gathering ("lining up") in the hall of the "new" building in 6th grade at the end of the day to pray together and loved to light the Advent wreath candles - *Carole A. Zempel*

(I have) some fond memories of the school and thought I might contribute something to all the good things the school provided (me). Thanks for everything. Have a wonderful year. - *James Mooney*

Sisters Rainer, Antonelli and Marcus were wonderful. I loved that big merry-go-round and the book fairs. - *Claudia (Theisen) Goranson*

Daily I thank God for the parents who instilled in me my deep faith and the school that taught me how to practice it. - *Catherine Bauman Bauer*

Marcia Johnson had a solo part in Steven Fosters operetta because she could sing loudly. - *Lee Fugaban*

We had several readers submit names for the picture of the play in the last edition. You may recall Sister Theresa Schumacher had some of the name already filled in. Here is the photo again, and the names you submitted. Thanks for all of your letters.



Top Row:

*Diane Shanahan, Carmen Kittok, Betty Muckenhirn,
Ralph Yantes, Matilda Gallus, Yvonne Bernick, Patricia
Huncha, Carol Vogelgesang.*

Middle Row:

*Harold Radcliff, Gene Hayes, Barbara Bernick, Carol Ditty,
Theresa Schumacher, Shirley Yantes, Kathleen Rieland,
Edie Bauman, _____, Marilyn ??, Eddie Baldus.*

Front Row:

*_____, Stanley Yantes, John Stein, Bobby Cedergren,
John Schriver, John Dinsmore, Stephen Bauman, Tom Moran,
_____, Mike Yaeger, Jerry Schmit.*

What special memories do you have of St. Peter's School? Mail them to us at:

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or visit our website at <http://www.stpetersschool-delano.com> and "contact us"!

LOOKING FOR ALUMNI...

Do you know someone who graduated from St. Peter's School who doesn't get the Flock? Our address list grows each year, but still there are St. Peter's alumni who are not on our list. Send us their addresses and we will make sure they receive the next addition of the Flock. Or visit us at <http://www.stpetersschool-delano.com> to update your listing.

ST. PETER'S SCHOOL WELCOMES A TECHNOLOGY LAB

by Kelly Mazzuca, 6th Grade Teacher

The beginning of the 2006-2007 school year brought a welcome addition to St. Peter's School: a technology lab! This was the first full year of operation and students and teachers began to discover the many opportunities that a full-functioning technology lab can provide.

Although the lab is still in its infancy, we are proud of the equipment we have. We have a portable lab cart that contains ten Mac G-4 laptop computers as well as ten older I-Mac desktop units all for student use. The teachers each have a Mac G-4 laptop and a projector for displaying the computer's image on a large screen. All the computers are linked to the server where various software programs and the Internet connection can be found.

Students really enjoy working with the computers. St. Peter's School uses a keyboarding program to foster basic computer skills. In grades 3-6 it is called Type to Learn while grades K-2 use Type to Learn Junior. Also available on every computer is Microsoft Office. Students and teachers use Word for composing reports or newsletters and PowerPoint for creating presentations. Research skills are bolstered by teaching students how to use the Internet in a productive way.

Teachers are using their laptops along with the projectors to enhance their lessons. PowerPoint presentations display the material in a more meaningful way and allow teachers to show students much more than what the text or a lecture can provide. The laptops can also serve as DVD players that project the movie onto a large screen creating a striking visual display.

The future of St. Peter's School's technology lab looks very bright and promising. The school is now looking into all of the exciting ways to use the lab even more. Computers are being used in many student projects and the possibility of adding Spanish Language instruction through this technology is being explored.

We welcome you to come and visit the technology lab and see for yourself what wonderful things are happening at St. Peter's School.

Thanks goes to the St. Anthony and St. Ann Council of the Catholic Aid Association for their recent donation of the Accelerated Reader Program for St. Peter's School. Accelerated Reader provides the essential practice component for our core reading curriculum. In addition to making reading practice fun and exciting for every student, this program will give students continuous feedback to maximize success.

Editor's Note: We thank all of our generous donors for the Technology Lab in a previous issue, but missed one important couple. Special thanks to Bill and Caroline Metz, for their patience as well as for their contribution toward the Technology Lab.



***Thank you for all of the support you give to St. Peter's School.
Your donations this year totaled more than \$11,000!
The funds will be used to continue the great things
we are doing at the school.***

George Althoff
Jim Althoff
Catherine Bauman Bauer
Ben Bauman
Tony & Jean Bauman
Lawrence & Anni Bauman
Stephen & Darlene Bauman
Georgia & Lowell Berchtold
Mary Boisvert
Emily Carriveau
Dorothy Schaust Dalbec
Donald & Rosanne Eppel
Dennis Fabel
Leona Fake
Alice Fink
Edward Frach
Lee Fugaban
Dan Gardner
Den Gardner
Jim Giesen
Linda Giesen
Bernadette Grotz Goepferd
Claudia Theisen Goranson
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Sharon Hagelin
Shirley Hayes
Helen Otto Jude
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Rev. Francis Kittock
Catherine Kraemer
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Thomas Moran
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Dennis Muckenhirn
Betty Horsch Nicholas
Michael Otten
Patricia Matter Padden
Mildred Peppin
Barbara Cedergren Piculeu
Leroy Rieland
Gene Rieland
Lucille Bauman Ronan
Lori Muckenhirn Salonek
Marilyn Schmidt
Theresa Fake Schultz
John Schumacher
Fran Stein
Harold Theisen
Darwin Voltin
Norma Wandarsee
Marilyn Vieau Winterhalter
Michael Yaeger
Carole Peterson Zempel

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER (continued)

Since children are expert “snugglers,” we opted to participate as a school in Divine Mercy Novena the week following Easter. St. Faustina tells us that children are the heavenly Father’s favorites, and so we are confident that our St. Peter’s School children’s prayers will gain many blessings for all of us!



Thank you so much for the love and support you give to St. Peter’s School. Your gifts continue to enable us to bring faith-based education to life for our young people.

God bless you,

C.L. Bowe
Principal

St. Peter’s School families are sad to say good-bye to Ms. Cheri Bowe after only one year as their principal. Citing her true calling to teach the faith, Ms. Bowe announced her decision to parents this Spring.

A committee of volunteers led by Father Miller began the search for a new principal in mid-March and concluded at the end of May. The result: a new principal with more than 10 years of experience and whose Catholic upbringing has shaped her as both a person and a teacher.

Join us in welcoming Ms. Nicole Belpedio as our new principal. She will begin July 1st in preparation for the next school year.