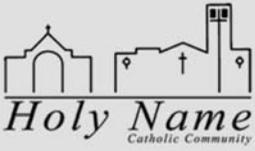


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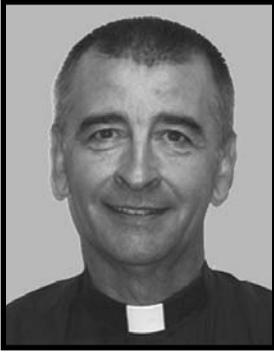
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PARISH NEWS

From the Pastor



Fr. Frank

“Once again I find the need to pray that we can do God’s will in this world as we place our hope in Jesus.”

Besides wishing everyone a Merry Christmas, that was the last line of my letter in the last Rambler. This is not something new for us. We trust in Him and we want to do His work. Today this must truly be our focus. I’m sure most of you have heard about

our financial situation. Most people are wondering how it came about so fast. How could we not have known that we were approaching this kind of deficit? The answer is simple. It did not come on us fast. We knew it was coming and did everything we could to keep it from happening, but the plans did not work.

Four years ago the parish was in the black. I made some very deep cuts to balance a budget that was too far into deficit spending. At that time, the economy was still strong. Then problems started to pile up again. At first the problems were typical, costs rising and income remaining flat. Then the economic downturn hit our nation and slid toward the Midwest. This cut into our fundraising. It was not because of any lack of effort or any less desire to be generous. It is just tough times for everyone.

Then the endowments dropped below principle, adding to the lack of revenue. Next came big maintenance issues. First it was an air-conditioner that gave up the spirit and needed to be replaced. Next a major water pipe broke. Finally, the school boiler gave us problems. All of this added up and we began asking for your generosity and prayers for our financial situation.

We also looked at other sources of revenue. One of the possibilities I wrote about last Christmas were the facilities at St. Richard. With the right renters, that would have helped the neighborhood and could have been an additional source of revenue. The tight financial situation for everyone ended those hopes. Announcing this kind of financial crisis is the second most difficult thing I have done during my priesthood. The most difficult was announcing that St. Richard School and Parish would be closing. These are not the kind of announcements any pastor dreams of making during their career, unless it was in a nightmare.

The good news is that each of these situations has brought out the very best in these communities. The people of St. Richard could see the inevitable and climaxed the era of their parish and school with a celebration of their great work. The people of Holy Name are standing up and shouting that this is not the end for them. There has been a wonderful outpouring of financial support and prayer. This outpouring clearly defines that this parish is truly in a different situation. This is a strong parish community. This is a community of people that extends far beyond its parish borders. It is made up of people who know the importance of our mission to bring people to Christ and get them to heaven. It is a hard working, blue-collar-style parish that knows that to get people to heaven you have to deal with their basic needs. So we do down to earth things, like feed, clothe, and shelter people. Then we teach them how to be their best. We do all of this for the honor and glory of God, who will then do the last part, bring us and our neighbors to heaven.

God bless you and thank you for all of your support to help us continue our great work.

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Holy Name Hall of Fame Inductees 2010

Please join us in honoring these deserving recipients on Thursday, April 15th, 2010!



Diane Worthing Brich H80 has been nominated for Holy Name's Hall of Fame numerous times over the past four years. There was

a slight hitch, however—as an employee she was not eligible to receive the award.

Diane worked in Holy Name's Alumni and Development office for eight years beginning in spring of 2001 and retired in spring of 2009. She passed from this life on November 15, 2009, after a courageous eight-year battle against breast cancer.

Diane touched the lives of so many people, often times getting them involved in Holy Name parish life and projects. "It wasn't persistence that got people involved," says her husband, Jerome, "as much as it was making people feel comfortable and relaxed. That was her strength, having a natural, welcoming personality, made it easier to say yes."

Diane and Jerome were married in 1986 and had three children, all Holy Name Grade School graduates.

Diane attended Stewart's Beauty School and had a successful career as a cosmetologist for 18 years. At age 30, Di went back to school and graduated Magna Cum Laude from UNO with a degree in communications and a minor in art.

Being the Holy Name Alumni and Events Coordinator was the perfect job for Diane. "She liked making contact with all the volunteers and alumni," said Jerome. "She thrived on

organizing events."

Di's battle for life against breast cancer lasted throughout her eight years at Holy Name. Dave Reznicek H79 graduated a year ahead of Di. He says her most inspirational impact, "may be the grace, spirit, faith, and determination with which she fought her cancer. Always with a smile and a hug, she focused outward to her family, friends, and God."



Dr. Joe Evans is a member of Holy Name's class of 1965. He and his wife Shirley have three children

and five grandchildren.

After high school, Joe was awarded an academic scholarship to attend St. Benedict College in Atchison, Kansas. He went to the University of Kansas for graduate school and landed his first job as the first psychologist at Boys Town in 1973.

After Boys Town, Joe went to the University of South Florida's Florida Mental Health Institute, where he ran a number of group homes for emotionally disturbed children. The Evans' moved back to Omaha in 1986 when he became the Director of the Psychology Department at the Munroe Meyer Institute at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Joe works with children experiencing all kinds of disabilities, including behavior disorders.

As a member of the Holy Name School Board, Joe has initiated marvelous things for our school and parish. Because of his efforts, Holy

Name School is now in its twelfth year of a cooperative partnership with the UNO Department of School Psychology, providing support services for our students. Through his efforts with the Americorp program, we have engaged the services of our art teacher and the seminarians who spent the past few summers working around the parish campus. Dr. Joe was recognized nationally through the American Psychology Foundation, receiving the distinguished Cummings award for his work in integrating behavioral health into medical clinics across Nebraska.



On just about any given day, one can spot Tony Pflug on the Holy Name campus. Making sure the snow gets shoveled off the roof of the field

house, seeing that a broken pipe gets fixed, or soundproofing the little gym. Tony is there making sure everything is taken care of.

Even without his constant dedication to the Holy Name physical plant, Tony is well known for his music. His contribution to the church choir is immeasurable and "his skillful—albeit restrained—drumming is one of the highlights of any Mass he plays at," says fellow parishioner and alum, Kevin Cole H74.

Tony says his dad inspired him to become involved. "I remember my dad taking me to deliver Thanksgiving

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dinners. I saw what my dad did and what other dads did. The examples that we grew up with prepared us for life.”

Tony H76 and Nettie Vogltanz H75 met in Sr. Marguerite’s religion class at age 16. “If someone told me at 15 that I’d marry my high school sweetheart, have seven kids, live across the street from the church and be on the parish council, I would have died laughing. I couldn’t have planned life any better.”

Tony and Nettie’s seven children attended Holy Name, and now he is hoping their granddaughter, the oldest of 4 grandchildren, will start school here next year.

“Look at what others do and it inspires you to do something,” he notes. “The more you put others needs ahead of yours, the more you are blessed.”



Having been assigned to Holy Name twice, Fr. Richard Quinn, C.Ss.R., is connected to generations of

Holy Name families.

Fr. Quinn became intimately involved with many students and their families during his first five years at Holy Name. He stayed in touch with many of them and renewed his ties when he came back as pastor from 1999 to 2002. “Omaha was my first permanent assignment. It set the mood for my life as a priest,” says Quinn.

“I was more than trained by the Redemptorists, I was practically raised in the seminary,” notes Fr. Quinn.

Fr. Quinn attended the Redemptorist School in Kansas City and then left home for the seminary in the 7th grade.

Along with his parish work, Fr. Quinn also served as an Army Chaplain, finally taking on active duty in January of 1988. “I was sworn in one week before I was over the age

limit,” Fr. Quinn notes. He served in Fort Carson, Colorado, Mannheim, Germany, and Fort Polk, Louisiana.

Fr. Quinn also served as chaplain to police departments in Omaha, Detroit, Kansas City, Colorado Springs, and the Idaho State Police.

John Fahey has known Fr. Quinn since childhood. “Our mothers and fathers grew up on the Irish Catholic West Side of Kansas City, Missouri. Dick and I were about the same age. It was a lot like Holy Name. Everything in our neighborhood revolved around the school and church. I might point out that Dick was the toughest kid in the Redemptorist Grade School. To his credit, he was never a bully, but he also never backed down.

“I can tell you that he is the same person, the same good company that he was in the early days, even when he was the toughest guy around.”

“I’ve had a very interesting life. A very blessed life,” says Fr. Quinn.

Help Make a Difference! Vote to Recognize Mrs. Eileen Rasnick Fighting To End Childhood Hunger

Our Cafeteria Manager, Mrs. Eileen Rasnick, has been chosen as one of five national finalists in the Conagra Foods Foundation “Champions Against Childhood Hunger” campaign! The winner will be chosen based on the number of votes submitted for each of the five candidates.

She deserves to win so please go to this link and VOTE:

http://www.championsagainstchildhunger.org/contest_info.html

You can vote once every 24 hours from one computer. You must be 13 years old to vote.

Eileen Rasnick has served as the cafeteria manager for Holy Name School for more than 20 years. She also attended Holy Name School until 1956. Ten years ago, Eileen came across information about the Summer Feeding Program through the Nebraska Department of Education and discovered she could spend her summers feeding children in need. She was more than willing to sacrifice her time off to help make a difference. Today, Eileen runs the largest Summer Feeding Program site in the State of Nebraska. Over the past 10 years, Eileen has provided more than 238,296 breakfast and lunch meals to children that would not have otherwise had the opportunity to eat these meals. Now, the average daily attendance for the Summer Feeding Program is more than 375 children (Monday–Friday) between the months of May and August.

ALUMNI NEWS

Reunions

All-School Reunion Weekend June 12 and 13, 2010

Class of 1950 - 60th Class Reunion June 12, 13

Class members will be contacted when the plans are made. If you have any questions, contact Patricia Rochford at 402-614-9230 or prochford1@cox.net. We need an updated list of classmates!

Class of 1960 - 50th Class Reunion July 30, 31

Those who attended grade school with us, but graduated elsewhere, please join us! Activities are planned for Friday night and Saturday afternoon with an evening dinner at Regency Clubhouse. If you have any questions or would like to join us, please contact Mary Kay (Podany) Johnston, 402-493-3372, johnstongp@cox.net or Philip Peterson, 402-391-4200, pfppete@uswest.net.

Class of 1970 - 40th Class Reunion July 30–August 1

Friday: Golf Outing, contact Mike Clarke

Friday: 7:30 Bonfire at Teresa Albracht Pringle's in Fort Calhoun

Saturday: 6:00 Party at Prestige World Class Restaurant, 168th & Pacific

Sunday: 10:30 Mass at Holy Name

Please RSVP to let us know if you can come to any of the events. Saturday night is \$30. Make payment to Mike Clarke, 9828 Seward, Omaha, NE 68114. 402-391-4052 Horacec15@yahoo.com

Class of 1975 - 35th Class Reunion

Tentative plans: Friday will be a "Meet and Greet" at a downtown bar or restaurant. Saturday's event will be held at Kathy and Jerry Watson's. Preferred dates are July 17th, 31st, or August 10th.

Classmates, we would appreciate your feedback. Please send us your e-mail address or give us your phone numbers to make contact easier.

Please e-mail or call one of the people below.

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Ron Drey / huskeron3@aol.com / 557-1292

Bridget Fitzpatrick / ccgrl25@yahoo.com / 980-6063

John Crossley / papaandcindi@cox.net / 451-3216

Class of 1985 - 25th Class Reunion

Planning meeting Monday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m. at Bene's Pizza, 12301 W. Maple Road. Please attend if you would like to assist with planning the weekend. The reunion

will be on the weekend of June 11–13, so please start to make travel plans. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but have some ideas, please contact either Ruth (Evans) O'Callaghan at 402-708-4825 or Michael Downey at 402-690-2337 or via email at michael@dc-safety.com.

Alumni Basketball and Volleyball

Tournaments: March 19, 20, 21

For details, call Kevin Cole at 556-7942
or email kvncl@cox.net

Up-to-Date News

Maureen Pope Beat H80 is a famous painter! Maureen painted a beautiful watercolor of Holy Name Church that was offered through our Harvest event years ago. Most recently, her painting of Rosenblatt Stadium is featured on the first of a series of plates being sold by Borsheims Fine Jewelry in Omaha. This series of plates celebrate famous Omaha landmarks. Beat is working on a second piece for the series, which will be unveiled in September 2010.

Ed Bergen H45 and Joann Bergen were given the Top Hat Award during the Omaha St. Vincent de Paul 2009 Annual Meeting. They received this award for their many years of work and dedication to the Society.

Chris Blaylock H87 and his wife started Cornerstone Uniform LLC, an online retailer, in January of 2009. The store specializes in school uniforms, athletic wear, and more. The website is www.cornerstoneuniform.com.

Diane (Pritchard) McDaniel H71 has recently been elected to serve as a delegate to the American Hospital Association's Regional Policy Board 8. The regional boards give input to the American Hospital Association board of trustees on health reform and other issues. Congrats Diane!

Father Wally Stohrer, S.J. G43 will celebrate his 50th anniversary as a Jesuit priest on July 16, 2010. He was ordained in Innsbruck, Austria, on July 26, 1960. Father Wally says, "You can take a boy out of Holy Name, but you can't take Holy Name out of a boy!" Happy Anniversary, Father!

Rodney and **Marg Nordell H78 Williams's** son, Austin, has accepted an offer as a walk-on for the Huskers. Austin will graduate from Omaha Burke and plans on focusing his studies on football and finance at UNL. Go Big Red!

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Paul Caswell H65 graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a degree in chemistry. Paul worked for Archer Daniels Midland for eighteen years where he was VP of New Technology, travelling the world searching for technology and businesses that ADM could acquire. Paul and his wife Pam lived in Iowa and Illinois for twenty years in order to raise their four children in the Midwest.

The ADM job taught Paul that he could be an entrepreneur. In 2000, the last of the Caswell's four children left for college. Paul had an opportunity to join a Chinese American colleague to develop a new technology to make

a special chemical for nylon by fermentation instead of through a chemical process. They started a company in China to make "oil" chemicals for non-oil processes. The three partners had a technology, but no money to develop it, so they began the process of selling their idea to investors in China. With an MBA, in addition to his chemistry degree, Paul spent his time writing business plans and developing presentations.

One year later, an investor provided \$23 million to start Cathay Industrial Biotech. The next step was finding a place to build their plant. Paul explained that he and his partners would meet with mayors of Chinese cities to ask for incentives to place their facility in their city with the expectation of employing 300–400 local people. "This process meant many Chinese dinners with the mayors and the secretaries of the local communist party. The food was always exotic and you usually left the dinner still hungry, because fried scorpions and sea slugs were not a delicacy for me. It was not always fun, because meetings in China are typically eight hours long."

In 2002, a location was selected in Shandong, and in 2003, the initial Cathay facility was completed, making "dodecanedioic acid" by fermentation. (When you brush your teeth in the morning 2/3 of the toothbrush bristle may have come from Cathay Industrial's fermentation tanks in China.) The company is now starting a second facility to make butanol and acetone. (Butanol also is a potential fuel that is better than ethanol.) Cathay Industrial Biotech now has about 1000 employees.

The Caswells recently moved back to Mt. Zion, Illinois, where Paul is Executive Vice-President for Cathay and now works the U.S. market, selling Cathay chemicals and helping develop the next technology with U.S. and European Union technical companies. Cathay's goal is to eventually go onto the New York Stock Exchange.

Three Mailings of The Rambler in 2010

The Rambler will be printed and mailed only three times this year! All editions are always available on the website; however, the fourth edition will be on the Holy Name website only (<http://holynamemaha.org>).

You recently received a post card urging you to send us your e-mail addresses. With your e-mail address, we can send the website edition of The Rambler to you in electronic format!

For anyone who does not have e-mail, just let us know and we will mail the website-only edition to you in paper format!

Accident Fatally Injures Granddaughter of Former HN Family

Jeanette (Vodra) Schmitz informed us of a terrible accident in California involving the child and a grandchild of Nga (Therese) and Peter (deceased) Nuguyen. Lauren Krikorian died in an automobile accident on Sunday, August 23, near Santa Barbara, California. Her mom, Annie Nelson, and her stepfather, Paul Nelsen, were critically injured in the accident.

You can contact Therese at: Nga (Therese) Nguyen, Nga Tonga C Huyen Lilley, 12891 West St., Spc 167, Garden Grove, CA 92840

SCHOOL NEWS

From the Principal



Angela Koch

Dear Friends,

Each year at the end of January Catholic Schools across the nation take time to celebrate and call attention to who we are and the education we provide in our communities. The National Catholic Education Association markets a common theme for the week and we use this beginning to plan activities and

events that advertise our programs.

I must admit that I was met with some frustration while first reading this year's theme. "Dividends for Life." How do you explain a word like dividends to 1st graders??? And in this economy the word "dividends" certainly doesn't inspire positive or hopeful comments. But, the more thought I gave to this opening phrase and the four areas identified as the hallmarks of these dividends. I began to see the wisdom of the theme.

The full theme reads: Catholic Schools; Dividends for Life; Faith, Knowledge, Discipline, Morals. As we all know dividends are the returns on investments. It is true our monetary investments have not seen an over abundance of dividends lately. But the return seen from a quality Catholic education reaches beyond financial investments and returns. The dividends from a Catholic education reach the very heart and soul of who each of our students will become and decisions he or she will make as future lawmakers, financiers, educators, hospital workers, priests, brothers, and sisters.

Those of us who had the privilege and fortune to attend a Catholic school carry within us the deep rooted values of faith, knowledge, discipline, and morals that permeated every lesson every day. The dedicated priests, sisters and lay teachers who serve in our schools today are still called to bring these four attributes into their daily lessons. Students hear about Jesus, talk about Jesus, and are challenged to act like Jesus everyday.

Our students at Holy Name receive additional gifts. Our school has served its community in mid northeast Omaha for more than 90 years. Our students today come from 16 different zip codes, but HN is still considered a neighborhood school.

Building on the traditions and standards of excellence established by the Servants of Mary sisters and the Redemptorist priests, we continue to bring a Catholic faith-filled education to our students. Excellence in academic work and service to others remain the cornerstones of our mission.

Our diverse student body brings with it many challenges and even more rewards. The lessons taught in our classrooms go well beyond what many of us experienced as "traditional" education. Learning to work beside and share space and time with others different than you is a life skill that will serve these children well into their own adult lives and work environments.

Our students are challenged each day to recognize and celebrate their own talents and at the same time appreciate those talents and life experiences that others bring to the classroom mix. This is our gift to them—a strong Catholic education delivering faith, knowledge, discipline, and morals that prepares them for academic and personal success.

I personally thank you, our strongest supporters, for all you do in time, talent, treasure, and prayer for the children, families, faculty, and staff that serve in our school. Our personal goal is to make you proud of your sacrifices by passing on to this next generation of children many important and faith-based Dividends for Life.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE

God bless you and your families and may God continue to bless our school.

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National Geography Week



Holy Name Catholic Elementary School celebrated Geography Action Week November 15th through the 21st. The theme was Geography Action: Mapping Europe. Each of the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students put together a map of Europe from a set of more than 100 tiles. On average it took about 16 minutes from start to finish. Later in the week, the students used laminated maps of Europe to answer such questions as: Which countries make up the BENELUX countries? The answer: Belgium, Netherlands, and Luxembourg.

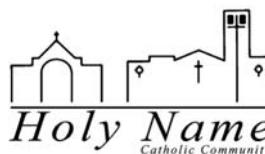
Holy Name Celebrates Talented Students



Nyasibit, Asja, Howbang, and Melody from the 4th and 5th grades ready to dance and sing to “Our Song.”

The acts included dancing, singing, rap, drumming, and piano playing. The teachers even joined in the show! The students had a great time sharing their talents and were very proud of their accomplishments. The audience thought it was the best show ever.

The 10th Annual Holy Name Catholic School Talent Show was held during Catholic Schools Week this year. More than thirty students participated. The acts included dancing, singing, rap, drumming, and



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Please be generous; any amount is greatly appreciated.

Forward this website to your family and friends. If you are in contact with a former Holy Name Parish member or Holy Name School Alumni, please direct them to this website. You can give to the fundraising effort using your credit card, or, if you'd prefer, you can send a check in the U.S. Mail.

Student Council Sponsors “Hearts for Haiti”

The Holy Name Elementary School Student Council sponsored a “Hearts for Haiti” campaign. The council members took orders for heart-shaped cookies to be delivered throughout the student body on February 12th. The cookie sales sky rocketed to a record 800+ cookies. Each cookie was frosted and wrapped in a heart bag. The proceeds from cookie sales, dress down day money, and private donations totaled nearly \$500!!! What a great project idea. Go Student Council!

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

From the Director of Development



Colleen Peterson

As I write this letter I am looking out my window at the statue of the Virgin that sits just to the south of the rectory. I am asking her for the words to use to help you understand how important each one of you is to Holy Name. Over the last 93 years we have built a strong foundation providing what is most needed for the families and children that live here today. Our legacy allows us to

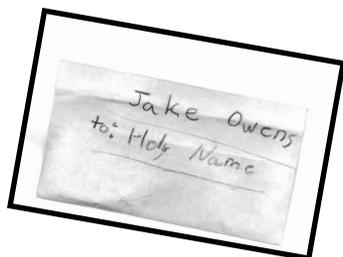
do what is needed to remain as a steadfast anchor for these children.

As you have no doubt heard about our financial situation I am here to tell you that it is imperative that you believe in the work we do today. Our ability to serve the children entering our doors each school year is based on the solidarity of the Holy Name community from coast to coast. Holy Name is “Bigger Than Its Boundaries”! Please take a moment to go visit our website that was created in response to our need for financial support. The information on the site HelpHolyName.org is proof of the strong presence we have in this community. Heart felt statements and financial contributions abound in support of continuing our work. This message below touched my heart and I want to share it with you!

On the morning after the announcement was made public that Holy Name School may not be opening the doors for the 2010-2011 school year due to a large financial deficit, our current Language Specialist was home getting her children ready for school. Her oldest son Jake, currently a third grader, came to her with an envelope in his hand. As he handed it to her he made this simple but profound statement:

“Mom, Holy Name is where I started you know.”

Inside the envelope was his savings totaling \$1.97.



If someone as young as this little guy already knows the impact of getting his feet off of the ground at Holy Name, I know that all of you know it too! The following is an article I wrote which outlines the importance of the work we do today and how vital it is that we continue for the future. Thank you for all that you do for Holy Name!

“A mind stretched to a new idea never returns to its original dimensions.”
– Oliver Wendell Holmes

A SPECIAL PLACE... WITH A HOLY NAME

Nestled in tree-lined neighborhood of north-central Omaha is an elementary school whose administrators have much to brag about. Funny thing is, they haven’t, until now.

Like many in the city’s historic core, Holy Name School, across nearly a century, has seen its neighborhood form, grow, prosper, deteriorate, and struggle as it rebounds. Today, the rebound efforts are in jeopardy. The current economic climate and the changes in the demographics of the area are taking a financial toll on the organization.

When that happens—when the strength of a neighborhood becomes a temporary victim of demographics—lots of schools close their doors. Holy Name will not concede and is currently working to bring their situation to the forefront of the community’s minds.

Today, Holy Name draws over 190 students and almost 500 parish families from this and many neighborhoods throughout the city. They come to learn about academic and spiritual excellence and human compassion in daily life.

“Where once we served only the nearby families, today we also serve those from many miles in all directions,” said Sister Angeline Hakel (HN 1941). “God has expanded our mission and we must deliver.”

In its rich, faith-based environment, new generations learn while additional services have been created to

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support families of students. “We believe that young minds can be stretched to achieve their greatest potential if their family’s basic needs are met,” Sister Carol Claussen (HN 1953) said.

The citywide Holy Name School draws students and families from sixteen zip codes in the Omaha area and is located on the corridor used by commuters traveling from northwestern neighborhoods to the downtown business area. The array of full-family support includes a before-and-after-school program. By tapping many avenues of funding, the program offers staff supervised, structured, age-appropriate activities. Holy Name also supports a year-around, fulltime daycare at reasonable prices. Families are not forced to find alternatives during school or during summer vacations.

Fully accredited by the State of Nebraska and certified by the Archdiocese of Omaha Catholic Schools Office, Holy Name Elementary operates a three and four-year old preschool and kindergarten through the eighth grade. Course offerings include technology, foreign language, library, music, art, technology, and physical education, in addition to core subjects. Three veteran teachers are available to provide enrichment and resource in math and reading as the academic levels of each student are assessed. Classroom teachers moderate extracurricular activities such as spelling and geography bees, science fairs, math contests, the performing arts and much more.

Partnerships with community organizations and universities enable Holy Name to offer strong support of each student. From Molly Davies, Director, Magis Catholic Teacher Corps:

“Magis Catholic Teacher Corps has partnered with Holy Name since the program’s inception. In many ways, Holy Name is the model school for our mission...the program was conceived to help meet the staffing needs of schools that serve families in financial need as these schools offer tremendous tuition assistance to families. Holy Name’s long history of academic excellence and Catholic identity is well-attested through its graduates who serve in many sectors of the Omaha community... Creighton

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University, through Magis Catholic Teacher Corps, is privileged to partake in nurturing the health of our city by sharing in mission with Holy Name School.”

From Timothy J. Cook, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Education Department, Creighton University:

“Having access to a school like Holy Name is invaluable to the Education students at Creighton University... We like to expose students to various types of schools. Holy Name provides an excellent example of a faith based school that serves a diverse group of families. These families exercise their freedom to choose a Catholic school as the school best able to provide the most appropriate education for their children. My education students come away from their visit to Holy Name with a new appreciation for the contribution that Catholic schools make to local community.”

With a student-staff ratio at 16-to-1, standardized test scores show major gains for the students, especially in math and reading. A nationally recognized, twelve-month nutrition program provides hot, healthy meals during the school year, and also serves an average of 29,000 free breakfast and lunch meals during the summer. Most recently the Director of Nutrition Services, Mrs. Eileen Rasnick HF56, has been nominated as one of five National finalists as a “Champion Against Childhood Hunger” through the ConAgra Foods Foundation. Many children take part in the Summer Feeding Program because they participate in the Omaha City Parks and Recreation Sun Dawgs program that is offered on the Holy Name campus. The Holy Name site was one of two receiving the support of the Omaha City Council for extended hours of the Sun Dawgs program.

“We’ve been working with Holy Name School for a long time. We walk the Girls Inc. children over to Holy Name for lunch in the summer, sometimes over 200 girls eat lunch there. Holy Name School helps provide a safety net in the neighborhood. It serves as an anchor and helps keep the neighborhood kids safe.”

– Roberta Wilhelm, Executive Director, Girls Inc.

Community-based services enrich the school programming by providing support for the “whole” child and their family when necessary. From Mary Sue Wydeven, Creighton School of Nursing:

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

“The lives of people cannot be separated from the kind of community in which they live. Holy Name School enriches the life of the surrounding neighborhood and indeed the whole community of Omaha... I am honored to have Creighton School of Nursing students complete their community-based clinical work at Holy Name during the past 4 years. Nursing students have planned and implemented enrichment programs for children in the after-school program and have taught health-related lessons in the classroom... They are particularly impressed with the diversity of the school’s population, the respect and work ethic of the children and they are inspired by Sofie Kock’s leadership. I want my students to participate in the mission of Holy Name and to experience the power of a school to change lives in the community. Holy Name must continue to be an asset to Omaha.”

From Lisa Kelly-Vance, Director of the School Psychology graduate program at the University of Nebraska at Omaha:

In 1998 several of my school psychology graduate students approached me about wanting to spend time working with children in the schools... A volunteer program was started where our students worked with Holy Name students who had academic and/or behavioral needs. Since that time, the volunteer program has evolved into an official service learning project between UNO and Holy Name. Our first-year graduate students spend several hours per week at the school working with their assigned student, consulting with the teachers and parents, and learning about life in a local school. If you asked any of our students what graduate school experiences they best remember, most would have their time at Holy Name as one of the top. Here is a sample of comments from the students:

I think the teachers and staff at Holy Name believe that children will rise to the expectations you have for their character and academic achievement when provided with opportunity, support. The students at Holy Name come to have these same high expectations of themselves. They gain not only an excellent education, but the hope that comes with self-efficacy and moral integrity.

– Jessica Mallory, UNO Graduate Student

The members of the community of Holy Name created a vision for neighborhood revitalization and stabilization over 25 years ago. Holy Name Housing Corporation supports low income individuals and families to become responsible home owners in the inner city of Omaha. More than 525 homes have been sold over more than 25 years of service. Holy Name’s St. Vincent de Paul Society is one of the largest emergency relief providers in the city, offering a well-stocked food pantry for families living within the parish boundaries and if funding is available, support for those in need of utility and/or rent assistance. The Holy Name Humble Jumble store sells clothing, furniture and household items at affordable prices.

Most recently, Holy Name has been nurturing some of Omaha’s refugee families. There are a significant number of Sudanese children entering the school and becoming a part of the fabric of the community. Due to years of building a program that surrounds children with what they need to feel comfortable and safe so they can learn, Holy Name is well prepared to serve these children and families.

“The staff and the teachers at Holy Name seem to bring out the best in each Sudanese student through individualized learning and character development. Most of the students are now working at their individual grade level; whereas, in the past they were struggling just to understand the material. By considering each child’s uniqueness, the school and its environment have enhanced their motivation for learning and for doing homework, and everyone has helped them feel comfortable in a diverse cultural atmosphere.”

– Sr. Rosemary Floersch, RSM (HN 1952)

There are lots of reasons why children must go to school, but dedication to academic and spiritual excellence draws a diverse array of fortunate students to Holy Name. “We’ll make you one promise,” says Mrs. Sofia Kock, Principal, “At Holy Name each child’s talents are recognized and challenged to reach full potential.”

OTHER NEWS

Snow much?



The latest snow total for Omaha is 47 inches!



Due to the hard work and financial backing of the Holy Name Men's Club, the cafeteria looks great! Over Christmas break in 2009, the floor was replaced. During the break in 2010, the ceiling was replaced. It took a great number of volunteers to complete the work, but a special thanks to Pat Parker G64 for leading these crews to complete the work.



From left: Paul Donovan, Clayton West, Roy Cowart, Shawn Peterson H74, Tom Carew, Kevin Cole H74, and Don Kirschbaum

The Men's Club continues to support the students of Holy Name. Each year the men provide and serve a pizza lunch for the children on the last day of school before Christmas break!



Thanks to a gracious donor and many volunteers, there is a great new sign on the field house!



Our own Bob Gates H44 pictured with UNL Athletic Director Tom Osborne at the annual Coach of the Year Banquet.

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The Honor / Memorial Program is a beautiful way to honor or remember a loved one!
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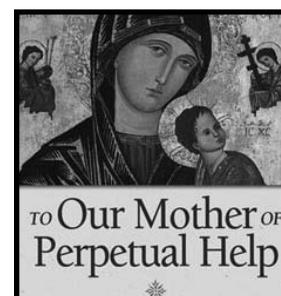
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IN THE NEWS

Creighton University Has Duty to Help Save Holy Name's Grade School

By Molly Mullen, Creightonian Editor in Chief

This article appeared in The Creightonian on February 19, 2010.

Creighton prides itself on being a "good neighbor" for the community. In fact, we won recognition for that title last semester from the Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities.

Well, now is the time to prove that title once and for all by acting like a good neighbor. Holy Name, an inner-city Catholic grade school, may close if they don't raise enough funds to last another year.

This school needs \$300,000 for the next year and over \$100,000 for the year after to continue educating its 166 students.

Now is the time for the Creighton community and the university itself to step up for our neighbors. We pride ourselves on being advocates for others, living in solidarity with the poor and being a beacon of hope in the Omaha community.

While Creighton has helped Holy Name financially in the past, it all comes down to this next month. Will we step up to the challenge?

Being good neighbors in the community does not come from the good times, when our endowment is safe and we are financially stable. Creighton's heroism, and the goodness of the Catholic spirit, comes from helping others when it isn't easy for us. We need to support the community even when we are in the red. Similarly as individuals, we need to reach out to the inner-city Catholic community to prove to them that we are all one community. If this 93-year old school goes away, an entire branch of the Omaha Catholic community is cut off with it and our Catholics' impact in North Omaha is significantly stunted.

To the university as a whole, dig deep to help those who value a Catholic education as much as we do. Perhaps buy one less ice sculpture for Christmas at

Creighton or run the handful of fountains on campus a few hours less every day; there has to be money somewhere to give.

The Rev. John Schlegel S.J. mentioned in his State of the University address his commitment to the diversity of our campus. Similarly, Holy Name is the most diverse Catholic grade school in the city and can be a role model to Creighton.

Holy Name's commitment to those who cannot afford tuition is also something Creighton can look up to. Holy Name has a strong commitment to diversity and dedication to providing strong, Catholic educations to those who could otherwise not afford it. We have a lot we can learn from this school, if we keep it open long enough to learn.

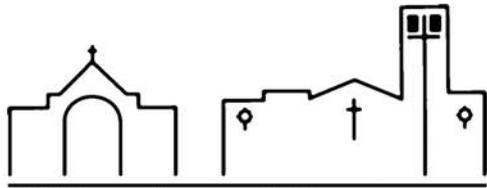
To the individuals reading this, faculty, staff and student alike. With Lent coming up, think of what this season of sacrifice truly means. If you give up frappuccinos, fast food or buying fancy clothes, you could give that \$100 you would have wasted to people who will use it wisely. Try going to a fish fry any Friday during lent 5-8 p.m. While filling up on beer and food you can give to the school.

Not only should we all pull together to save this 93-year-old school, it also is our responsibility.

To university officials, think long and hard about the repercussions of losing this school. While these students may not all come to Creighton one day, these students will always be connected to Creighton as part of the Omaha Catholic Community.

Let's prove that community is strong.

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