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President's Message

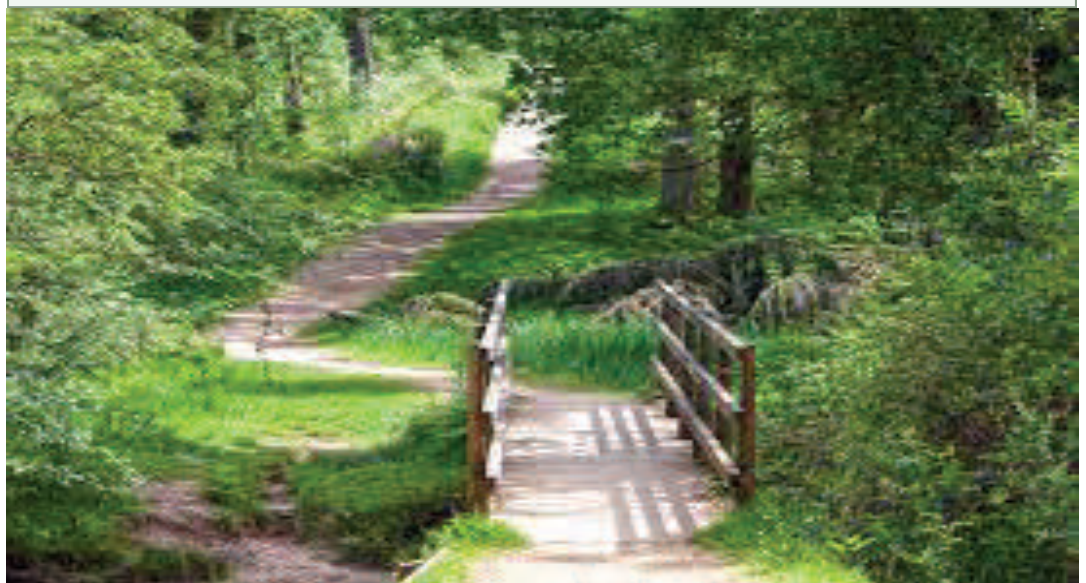
May the healing power of God's love give strength to Bishop Murry. We offer our warmest thoughts and deepest prayers for a speedy recovery.

The Executive Board has enacted new procedures and policies designed to ensure fiscal stewardship and the promotion of social justice. During the last eight months alone, the Executive Board has realized a savings of over \$30,000.

We are very excited to announce the winners of six new scholarships. Please see the list of winners in this newsletter. These new scholarships were awarded to the children of Confederation members in an effort to offset tuition, keep our children in the Catholic Schools, and reward academic achievement. Five of the scholarships were awarded to elementary students and one to a high school senior for college. Each elementary student was awarded \$300 and the graduating high school student was awarded \$3000.

We awarded over \$10,500 in scholarships this year. These scholarship programs help enrollment in our Diocesan schools as well as benefit our members.

As promised, the remainder of our savings is being held in a Legal Defense Fund. The Executive Board continues to examine ways to promote social justice, strengthen the Union, and increase its membership.



From John F. Kennedy Lower

Another school year in the books! We have been busy finishing our testing for the year and preparing to send our students off to next school year's adventures. The Fifth Grade visited The Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh and enjoyed all they had to offer. Congratulations to the students that won The Law Day essay contest. They enjoyed a luncheon at the Hippodrome in Warren with the Trumbull County Law Association. Second Grade is going on their annual retreat to the Shrine in North Jackson. Congratulations to Mrs. Muccio on being the recipient of the Golden Eagle award. She will present the commencement speech to the graduating class. Two of our teachers received the Golden Apple Award from the Diocese, Mrs. Dana Roscoe and Mrs. Diane Oswald. Our school participated in Step Up Day. Each class visited the next grade to get a sample of what to expect next year. We welcomed our new Kindergarten students for the day. It has been a rewarding year, looking forward to next year!

From St. Nicholas School

The students at Saint Nicholas school have been working hard as the year is nearing an end. The kindergarteners are preparing for their graduation, learning their songs and reading their parts as they show all that they've learned this year! The students in grades K-8 are preparing for the Spring Concert, on Monday May 14th. The students are excited to be singing Disney songs and Rock n Roll! The third graders are working hard researching famous people as they are preparing to become their famous person at the annual Wax Museum, Thursday May 24th. We had a great year learning many new things and having lots of fun! We want to wish our eighth grade students the best of luck as they head to high school in the fall. We are very proud of all that you accomplished while at Saint Nicholas school. Have a safe and fun summer!

From St. Christine School

The year is coming to an end and it has been an interesting one. After the dilemma of our leaking school roof in January, and four classes had to be relocated to various areas throughout the school, all are back in their original classrooms that are better than ever! Because of this situation the teachers decided, spearheaded by Karen Joseph and Colleen Danley, to have a Designer Purse Bingo to defray the cost of the roof. It was a wonderful fundraiser in which the teachers worked together to make it a great success.

Miss Machuga was nominated for the Dunkin' Donut Class Act Award last month. We are very excited for her. She truly is a class act.

We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to Dana Vlock for the sudden passing of her father and for Colleen Danley whose mother passed away suddenly in April.

Please continue to pray for Cathy Klingensmith, our second grade teacher and for Hunter and Noah Small, the grandsons of Karen Joseph.

From Saint Rose School

We have had a busy Spring at St. Rose. We have done several Service Projects including making blankets for social service agencies in the area, a Walk-a-Thon, and a Penny War. Our Seventh Grade Basketball Team had an undefeated season and won the Diocesan Championship. Several of our players have been drafted to the Cavaliers!!! Our second grade students and our eighth grade students received the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. Miss Kepley's and Mrs. Myers' third graders have been corresponding with sophomores from Ursuline High School all year, and went to UHS and met their Pen Pals. Engineers from the Ford Plant in Cleveland visited Mrs. Lyons' and Miss Marucci's fourth grade to kick off Earth Day. Dan Lyons and Lynn Beamer taught a lesson about recycling, conservation, and natural resources. The fourth grade also rode the Cuyahoga railroad as part of their Ohio History Program.

As the school year at St. Rose comes to a close, we have many exciting and fun activities planned. Grades 4-8 will be attending the Spring Play at Ursuline. Grades K-3 will be entertaining their Mothers/Grandmothers at our annual Mother's Day Tea. The Youngstown Symphony Orchestra will be performing for our school on Monday, May 14. Grades K-4 will visit the Akron Zoo and grade 4-7 will be attending a YSU baseball game at the Scrappers Field. Eighth Grade will be having their Graduation Retreat at St. Columba on May 21 and will be going to the Cleveland Zoo and Dave & Busters on May 29 for their final school trip. Our final activities for the year include our annual Talent Show under the direction of Mrs. Regina Racketta and Mr. Nate Zunic, as well as our Kindergarten and Eighth Grade Graduation. HAPPY SUMMER!!!

From Holy Family School

Holy Family School has had a busy spring. On Monday, April 30, we had our Spring Concert and Art Show. A special thank you to Liz Kovalik, Kris Harper, and Tom Mastramico for all their hard work at making this event a success. Also, on Friday, April 23, twenty-seven 7th and 8th grade students participated in the English Festival. Joe Morrison and Griffen Barton won in Limericks. Grace Raymer, Serena Grenga, and Marisa Davanzo won in Writing Games. Joey Sfara won for Not-So-Trivial Pursuit. Our eighth graders will soon be leaving for Washington DC. They will be gone May 17, 18 and 19.

Holy Family has two teachers who are retiring. Jean Wargo and Charlotte Eskay are going to be greatly missed. We thank them for all their years of service to Holy Family School. Congratulations to Shari Sfara, second-grade teacher, for winning the Golden Apple Award. She was honored at a dinner on Tuesday, May 1.

Finally, we extend heartfelt sympathy to Marilyn Daltorio, who lost her mom, Jennie Jean (Crisucci) Colla. Also, we extend our sympathy to Marilyn Hammerton on the loss of her mom, Marie V. Lenefont. These teachers and their families are in our thoughts and prayers.

From St. James School

St. James has had an exciting season! April 27 Pre-Kindergarten-Sixth grade participated in a prayer service for Arbor Day/Earth Day. Father Joe blessed a new tree that will be planted on playground for all to enjoy.

April 30-May 5 we celebrated Right To Read Week. Students enjoyed superhero themes throughout the week as well as a school wide reading challenge. As a reward the ice cream truck came on Friday to wrap up our reading celebration.

New and exciting news for the 2018-2019 school year: St. James will now be a preschool-Seventh grade school!

From St. Charles School

As Saint Charles prepares for the end of the school, we can truly look back on a great year. The past few months were filled with special activities and learning opportunities for children of all ages. March brought a school wide celebration of the "wearing of the green" for Saint Patrick's Day. Our sixth grade presented living statue Stations of The Cross to the entire student body. Our sixth graders also serve others by helping our kindergarten students each week with various academic and art projects. Seventh grade students worked hard preparing their History Fair projects and presented them in March to family members and judges.

In April, our kindergarten classes had a special Easter retreat evening. The children and their families came to school for a prayer service and religious centers. Second graders prepared for the sacrament of First Communion. They participated in a day long retreat with family and friends. Our eighth grade students spent the week of April 10th in Washington DC, enjoying the many historical sights. Some of our seventh and eighth grade students also attended the Youngstown State English Festival. Our students did very well with the academic activities and enjoyed their time. Saint Charles also had many winners of the Dom Leone Competition and several of our eighth graders won the Catholic War Veteran's Essay contest.

The month of May began with a school wide assembly on rain forest animals. The children got to be up close to several rain forest animals including lizards, snakes, birds and insects. Our seventh grade students prepared and presented a safety fair for our first graders where they learned all about summer safety tips. May 10 was V.I.P. Day at Saint Charles School. Each child was able to invite their special people to school for a prayer service and a school tour. The V.I.P.'s were also invited to sit in on classroom activities.

School will come to an end for the students of Saint Charles on June 1. Mass will be celebrated and the students will be formally promoted to the next grade. We wish our eighth grade students well as they take the next steps into high school. The teachers and staff of Saint Charles would like to wish everyone a happy and safe summer. God Bless!

High Schools

From Ursuline High School:

The Ursuline Family mourned the loss of Jane Edwards who died on April 25 from complications of cancer. Jane taught for 8 years at St. Edward's Middle School before moving to Ursuline where she taught Spanish for 20 years. We send our sympathies to her son and daughter-in-law Charlie and Carolyn Otterman and her grandsons Dylan and Brady. We also offer sympathies to Confederation member Nick Jaminet on the loss of his father, Raymond Jaminet.

Congratulations to our retirees, Ed Victor and Janice O'Neill from the Art Department and Mary Bess George from the English Department. We offer our love and best wishes in your next endeavors.

We congratulate junior, Alex Stoneman, on being named a National Merit Scholar.

From St. Thomas Aquinas High School:

St. Thomas Aquinas is wrapping up its 2017-2018 school year with anticipation of the impending summer break.

Congratulations to Mrs. Mary Faigley on two monumental events. First, Mary was the recipient of the Golden Apple award this year. St. Thomas has been lucky enough to receive the award for several consecutive years. Second, Mary will be retiring at the end of this year after 43 years at STA and one year at another school. We wish her the best as she embarks on this new adventure of her life.

We extend our sympathies to Mrs. Sue Ann Ray on the recent death of her mother in law.

With less than a month left of the school year, we look forward to supporting our sports teams, preparing for exams, and a lovely Baccalaureate and Graduation. Enjoy your summer vacation!

More News From the Front

From Central Catholic High School:

It has been quite the year for Central Catholic Staff having grandchildren! Congratulations to Debbie Lilley on the birth of her granddaughter, to Maria Dick on the birth of her grandson, and to Stephanie Cooper, Mary Ann Morrison, and Athletic Director Bob Vero on the birth of TWO grandchildren each this past school year!!

On Friday, May 4th CCHS hosted a Naturalization Ceremony and the whole school got to attend! Our students loved the brief stories and words that each person becoming a citizen shared after his or her name was called! It was a wonderful experience and allowed our students to live out the call by Pope Francis in his recent apostolic exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate* to be welcoming to immigrants and refugees.

Congratulations to our Speech and Debate Team Members and to Coach Penny Harris who will be participating in the National Tournament in June! We are very proud of their hard work and dedication. Our Spring sports teams are getting ready for tournament play as their seasons draw to a close. Our many AP students are working hard preparing for and taking their AP exams.

From Cardinal Mooney High School:

Springtime has been very busy at Cardinal Mooney. Under the leadership of Mrs. Tina Furano the speech and debate team had another spectacular year that we have come to expect from one of the top programs in the state. A total of 19 students competed at the state tournament, nine members are qualified to the Catholic National tournament later this month and four members will be competing in the NSDA (national) tournament next month. The religion department of Dr. Rich Mattiussi, Mrs. Mary Lou Rogers, Mrs. Susan Trewella and Miss Nancy Shugart were also busy. Three Cardinal Mooney students received the prestigious Eagle of the Cross award. Besides making the hallways of Mooney more beautiful, the art department made up of Mr. Sean Butler and Mrs. Maureen Kandray led their students into two important art shows. At the Northeast Ohio Scholastic Art Competition they had one gold key and two silver key award winners. They also had three regional winners in the Ohio Youth Governors Art Award Competition. Mooney also had a strong showing at the Youngstown State University English Festival. The English department is made up of Mr. Mark Reinhart, Mrs. Tina Furano, Mrs. Jolene Baldado, Mr. Mark Lyden, and last but definitely not least, Miss Joy Huber. In the Art Competition Mooney students took 1st and 2nd place, in the I Love Limericks category we took 1st place, in Not So Trivial Pursuit a Mooney student placed second and we received one Honorable mention in the Writing Games category. In the Poetry category of the Dom Leone Writing Competition Mooney students did really well placing 1st, 2nd and Honorable Mention. The science department made up of Mr. Tony Congemi, Mrs. Kayla Fidram, Mrs. Terri Kenner, Mr. John Lukes, Miss Jennifer Policy, and Mrs. Mitzi Smith with the help of retired Delphi Engineer Mr. Wright helped the members of the Robotics Club compete in the international First Robotic Competition at California University of Pennsylvania. Many teachers were busy preparing students to take their AP exams. Mooney offers AP Art, Literature and Composition, Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Government, Physics, Psychology, Spanish (language and culture) and United States History. Next year Mooney is offering AP Computer Science and looking at offering more Advance Placement to make sure our students continue to receive the best possible education.

Even though the extensive renovation at Mooney was completed at the beginning of the school year, the building continues to be updated. In the gym two new jumbo video scoreboards were added just in time for the basketball season.

On a sadder note for the Mooney family but a happier one for her and her family, Mrs. Mary Lou Rogers is retiring. She will be missed for her stellar teaching and leadership of the service club.

Youngstown Diocesan Confederation of Teachers Scholarships

We are so excited to be able to offer scholarships to children of YDCT members who are in our diocesan schools!

This year's winners of the Elementary Scholarships are:

Catherine Creighton (St. Christine)

Dayna Hughes (Holy Family)

Katie Lyons (St. Charles)

Kelly Peplowski (St. Rose)

Joseph Sfara (Holy Family)

This year's winner of the High School Senior College Scholarship is:

Cameron Creamer (Central Catholic High School)

Congratulations to these students and their families!!

Congratulations to these winners of our freshmen scholarships:

CMHS	UHS	STA	CCHS	JFK Upper
Mackenzie Avery	Cara McNally	Abbey Beskitt	Taryn Codispoti	Jesse Likens
Olivia Carfolo	Jamie Nelson	Graceyn Dowd	Noah Fox	Robert Plizga
Steven Hiner	Stephanie Schlosser	Jonathan Robertson	Caleb Glyder	Madyson Sabolsky
Tatiana Tolson	Cassie Sorber	Mia Schloneger	Aidan Winkhart	Zoe Schlosser

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*Among the basic rights of the human person must be counted the right
of freely founding labor unions.*

*These unions should be truly able to represent the workers and to
contribute to the proper arrangement of economic life.*

(#68, Gaudium et Spes, Vatican II)