

# Catholic Schools' Week 2007

January 28- February 3

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This theme is being used by Catholic Schools throughout the country during Catholic Schools Week January 28 - February 3. The logo features an open book, symbolizing both the Bible and knowledge. It underscores the Christ-centered religious foundation and academic excellence of Catholic schools.

The four-fold purpose of Catholic education is easy to remember while at the same time setting high standards. Briefly summarized it includes: faith, community, service and worship.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops strongly supports this purpose in their 2005 document



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The Good News in Education

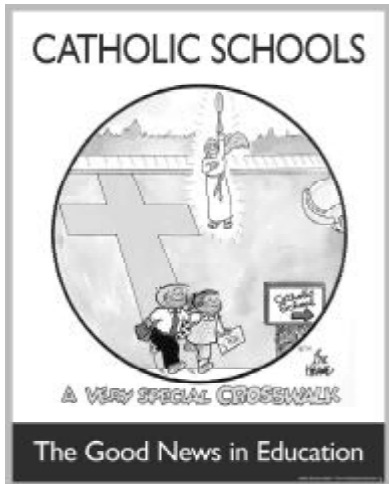
entitled *Renewing Our Commitment to Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools in the Third Millennium*. They said: "These Catholic schools afford the fullest and best opportunity to realize the fourfold purpose of Christian education, namely, to provide an atmosphere in which the Gospel message is proclaimed, community in Christ is experienced, service to our sisters and brothers is the norm, and thanksgiving and worship of our God is cultivated.

These significant goals are certainly supported by Bishop Tafoya as he visits with teachers and students in each school several times each year. The Liturgy is

always an important part of his visit during which he emphasizes the importance of faith in our daily lives. This Eucharistic celebration is usually followed by personal visits with teachers and students in each class.

Catholic Schools Week is definitely a time to celebrate and recognize our Catholic schools as an important ministry of the Catholic Church. Financial sacrifices, dedicated service, along with a commitment to values and one's faith, are an important aspect of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Pueblo.

"It is with great pleasure that I congratulate each of our Catholic schools for a ministry well done." †



An illustration by Bill Keane, creator of the "Family Circus," has become a Catholic Schools Week tradition. A graduate of Catholic elementary and high school, his illustration titled "A Very Special Crosswalk" shows Dolly and Jeffy crossing an intersection formed like a cross as a guardian angel hovers protectively over the two students.

## St. Therese plans Mass, fair, speakers



PUEBLO- The teaching staff at St. Therese will begin the celebration for this year's Catholic Schools Week by joining St. John Neumann for a liturgy presided by Bishop Arthur N. Tafoya on January 26 at 1:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Pueblo. All pastors of Pueblo Deanery parishes are invited to concelebrate. Two \$750 scholarships from St. Mary Corwin Medical Center will be

awarded. Students will lector, serve, sing and bring up the offertory gifts. A joint reception will follow in the Catholic Pastoral Center. Clergy and board members are invited to eat lunch with the students.

During the week, students will collect items and write Valentine's letters for soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan and personal items for the Poor Clare Sisters. Contests will include "Send



Teachers at St. Therese Catholic School in Pueblo- Left, Back row, l-r: Marcia Furuto (9 yrs.), Hermine Ryan (7 yrs.), Marilyn Wren (3 yrs.), Chris Albo (1.5 yrs). Front row, l-r: Kathy Sheehan (26 yrs.), Shelia Cover (18 yrs.), Ashley Haver (.5 yrs) and Becky Hanratty (1.5 yrs). Right, Back row, l-r: Alice Brunetto (6 yrs.), Carol Fletcher (.5 yrs.), Ann Gishpert (18 yrs.). Front row, l-r: Connie Covington (27 yrs.), Sharon Barker (13 yrs.), Rosemary Runyan (29 yrs.). Not Pictured: Larry Dorsey-Spitz (Principal).

Me Your Champion," "Question of the Day," and an essay contest about the "Good News in Catholic Education."

The week features a Book Fair and guest vocations speakers, including a priest, sister, DRE, and deacon. A Flag Day Awards Ceremony will recognize perfect attendance and honor roll students.

The week ends February 2 with no school so teachers can attend the CIRA convention by CSU in Denver. †

## St. John Neumann celebrates 30th year during Catholic Schools Week 2007

PUEBLO- St. John Neumann will celebrate its 30th year providing Catholic Education during Catholic Schools Week, January 28 - February 2.

St. John Neumann Catholic School continues to spread the "Good News in Catholic Education" as students perform 3 to 5 grades above grade level, 8th grade classes graduate at a 12.9 grade level, and SJNCS alumni continue to graduate from Pueblo high schools with the highest distinctions and honors.

In addition, SJNCS National Academic League Team, NAL, remains Pueblo's undefeated Middle School Team, winning a place among the Nation's Elite Eight teams last spring. SJNCS NAL Team played their last match of the season via satellite at Colorado State University in Pueblo in May 2006.

This year, the team remains undefeated with only 5 matches left in this season. The next NAL Match will be against Goodnight School at the Keating Building on Monday, January 8.

And marking a first in Catholic Education for Pueblo, SJNCS now provides bus service to and from school for children in Pueblo West, and all of Pueblo's North Side.

The new administrator, Pat Lesar, is a Pueblo native, and 1965 graduate of Pueblo Catholic High, who retired from his superintendent position after 37 years in the Swink School District.

"Like Swink, St. John Neumann has high expectations for its students and the parents demand success. The kids perform to the highest degree." Lesar says, "They must be doing something right because these kids do well. I don't see that

there are any changes to be made."

On Friday, January 26 St. John Neumann will celebrate with a Mass at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.

The public is invited to an Open House that will be held on Monday, January 29. The Veronika String Quartet will perform at 2 p.m. with a reception immediately following in the main hall at SJNCS to kick off the Enrollment Drive for 2007-2008 school year.

During the week there will be Poster Contests, special morning announcements and prayers, \$1 T-shirts and Crazy Hat charity days with dollars earned go-

ing to support those less fortunate.

On January 31st, K - 8th graders will make placemats for the senior citizens served by SRDA and the SJNCS choir will travel to SRDA during lunch to sing.

On Friday, February 2, newly ordained Father Matthew Wertin will visit to talk about religious vocations, and Mark Tobey, "Juggler Extraordinaire," will perform in honor of St. John Bosco Founder of the Salesian Society, patron saint of teachers and a juggler.

School families are also being encouraged to represent Catholic Education at their respective parishes on the Sundays

before and after Catholic Schools Week by wearing their SJNCS Spirit Shirts to Mass and spreading the Good News in Catholic education will all.

St. John Neumann Catholic School also recognizes over a dozen SJNCS alumni who now have their children attending the school, marking the beginning of the SJNCS Alumni Association. Meeting each month, the SJNCS Alumni Association is planning an All-School Reunion for August 3, 4, and 5 of 2007. In addition, the association is establishing an Alumni Mentoring Program and an Alumni Wall at the Stauter Campus. †



The Teaching staff at St. John Neumann Catholic School in Pueblo- St. John Neumann's new school bus driven by Kerry Taylor transports students from Pueblo West, Eagle Ridge and Pueblo's North End. Bus Windows, l-r: Kerry Taylor (14 yrs.), Pricilla Barron (2 yrs.), Joseph Zupancic (1 yr.), Kathy Yanko (7 yrs.), Maria Lopez (16 yrs.). Back row, l-r: LeRoy Pitencia (7 yrs.), Mike Oreskovich (25 yrs.), Barbra Ryan (1 yr.), Kay Betz (1 yr.), Jean Starcer (23 yrs.), Leann, McIntire (2 yrs.), Scarlet Simon (19 yrs.), Kate Howes (1 yr.), Martha Martient (10 yrs.), and Pat Lesar (Principal). Front row, l-r: Connie Lauer (22 yrs.), and Cindy Powers (11 yrs.).

