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Lead. Learn. Proclaim.

Four educational leaders in Catholic schools within the **Archdiocese of St. Louis** will be honored this year with a **Lead. Learn. Proclaim. Award** for dedication and commitment to excellence.

The **National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA)** will present these awards at a special reception and dinner at the annual convention to be hosted here in **St. Louis** at **America's Center**, **April 18-20**.



We are proud to recognize the following educators:

**Kathleen Hertlein, Theology Teacher and Academic Dean at
St. Francis Borgia Regional High School**

The Saint Louis University High School Campus Ministry Team

**Reverend Ralph A. Siefert, S.M .
President of Chaminade College Preparatory High School**

Kathleen Stinehart, Teacher at Ursuline Academy

These men and women were chosen from more than 150,000 teachers and administrators, as well as diocesan leaders and organizations who have demonstrated a strong Catholic educational philosophy, as well as exceptional ability, dedication and results.

“It takes dedicated people in the schools, the dioceses, the parishes and the communities to carry out the mission of faith formation in Catholic schools. They are the living messengers of God’s purpose from generation to generation,” said **Jim Pavlacka, NCEA Director of Leadership Development**.

The staff of the **Catholic Education Office** has been planning for this event for almost two years, and we are happy to report that registration is strong! We are proud of our history, and excited to share it, along with our plans for the future.

Watch for more NCEA news as this historic event draws near!

Emerson Gold Star Grant Program

Application process is now open.

All principals have received information about this opportunity. Missed it?

Contact Sue Brown at suebrown@archstl.org.

Eligibility—Teachers who have received an Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award between 2011—2016.



St. Joan of Arch Catholic School students celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King



SR. MARY ANN GOVERNAL AND MRS. ELLEN RYAN MEMORIAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT INFORMATION SESSION...

An Information Session will be held On Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at the Cardinal Rigali Center (3:30-5:00) to review the grant guidelines and the application process.

To register for this session, please contact Julie Dwyer at the Catholic Education Office by calling 314.792.7331 or emailing JDwyer@archstl.org.

See article at right.



ST. ALBAN ROE PARISH Coordinator of Religious Education, Dr. Ellen McCormack reports that she was “awestruck as she watched SAR art teacher, Christine Schroer use “painter’s blue-tape” to hang her students’ paintings of Our Lady of Guadalupe.”

“The vibrancy of these fifth-graders’ works of art caught my eye. But what amazed me was what she told them!”

“Mrs. Schroer encouraged her students to ‘evangelize through art!’ Perhaps there would be parents or family members attending the school’s Advent/ Christmas concert who might want to learn more about **Our Lady of Guadalupe**. Or, these paintings could spark a curiosity in visitors about our faith.”

“What a great example of a teacher incorporating and weaving our Catholic faith into her subject area and sharing it with others! **Pope Francis** reminds us, ‘We live our faith and proclaim the Gospel when we are channels for God’s love.’” (*Lumen Fidei, The Light of Faith*).

The Sr. Mary Ann Gornal and Mrs. Ellen Ryan Memorial Development Grant seeks to promote the growth and development of our Catholic educators by encouraging the development of innovative programs and methods.

In addition, this grant recognizes outstanding efforts in ongoing spiritual and professional development. All Catholic educators serving in the elementary and secondary schools and parish schools of religion in the Archdiocese are eligible to apply. A maximum of \$1,200 will be awarded to recipients for a program that best meets the grant criteria. (See more information in sidebar at left.)

MARKETING TIP OF THE WEEK...

Everything we do is marketing! Make sure everyone—teachers, administrators, teachers and students—present their very best every single time they communicate.

A few examples...

Every email sent from you or someone associated with your school should be professionally written with attention to grammar, spelling and format.

Everyone should have a “personal proof reader” they trust to provide another pair of eyes before a document is sent to anyone. We all make mistakes, for sure, but whenever we can avoid it, the better we look!

*Grant applications, student essays and artwork, parent newsletters—**EVERYTHING**—should be as perfect as possible.*

Please share these thoughts as you Lead, Learn, (and) Proclaim the GOOD NEWS of Catholic schools and PSR’s in the Archdiocese of St. Louis!

I am very certain the applications submitted by the educational leaders named in the article on the front page were flawless!

—Sue Brown, Director of Marketing and Community Relations, Catholic Education Office

GET INSPIRED FOR LENT!

Did you know that **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS) RICE BOWL** will offer daily reflections—in **English and Spanish**—for every day during Lent from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday?



Visit <http://www.csricebowl.org/> to learn more!

CATHOLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION EVENTS AT NCEA 2017



The **Catholic Library Association** would like to invite you and your library staff to their annual events held in conjunction with the **NCEA 2017 Conference** in St. Louis this year!

The **Opening Dinner & Awards Presentation** will host **Dr. Massimo Faggioli, Fr. Patrick Martin** and author **Gene Luen Yang** as the honored guests.

The **Regina Medal Luncheon** will recognize author **David Adler** for his contributions to children’s literature.

These events are a great time to network with other librarians from around the nation, as well as to meet these esteemed individuals in an intimate setting.

More information regarding the events, locations, fees and registration can be found at www.cathla.org. We hope to see you there!

BISHOP DUBOURG HIGH SCHOOL Criminal and Civil Law classes took some recent field trips to the **Mounted Patrol Unit** in **Forest Park** and local police stations to learn about arrest and booking procedures for DWIs and other violations.

They received first-hand experiences of being placed in a holding cell, standing in a lineup, and taking real breathalyzer tests!

See student reflections on next page.



Alive!
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WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE IMPRISONED...

Father of Mercy, the secrets of all hearts are known to you alone.

You know who is just and you forgive the unjust. You alone are the Almighty Judge. We are not worthy of judging anyone.

Your mercy is enough for sinners. Hear our prayers for those in prison. Give them repentance and let them believe in you.

Give them patience and hope in their sufferings, and bring them home again soon.

Comfort their near and dear ones. Let them trust in Jesus Christ and live with hope. Amen

BISHOP DUBOURG HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SHARE THEIR REFLECTIONS ON IMPRISONMENT...

"I felt a little scared when I was in the holding cell. The reason I was scared was because I knew old prisoners were once in there. Seeing all the names engraved on the bars made me wonder why they were in there. I felt a lot of tension." – Bailey M.

"It was scary and I would not want to be in that position." – Maria D.



Since 2012, the students and faculty at **ST. ROSE OF LIMA CATHOLIC SCHOOL** in **De Soto, MO** have held a friendly competition between classes and staff with an annual food drive.

Traditionally held prior to Thanksgiving, this project benefits local food banks. Over the last four years, St. Rose has donated over 4,000 items.

To demonstrate how the school has grown this program, in the first year, the entire school brought in 804 dry good items. This year, first graders alone brought in 888 items, followed by the fifth/sixth graders. Total count for 2016 competition=**3,188** items for an averages of **34** items per student. **(Lots of math involved, too!)**

The first grade winners will celebrate with a party, and their teacher will receive a little extra time to recuperate!

The **real winners** are the food banks and the people that benefit from the hard work of these volunteers!

VALLE CATHOLIC PRESCHOOLERS had a great time making and playing with "Snow Dough."



Using pre-math skills to measure the ingredients, and gross motor skills to mix them, students used their fine motor skills to mold the dough into snowmen!



Theresa Kirchmer of Valle Catholic reports, **"It was SNOW much fun!"**