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DIOCESAN NEWS

161 journey to Catholic faith

On Feb. 18, the first Sunday of Lent, 161 people in the Diocese of Erie took the next step toward being fully welcomed into the Catholic Church during Rite of Election liturgies in Erie and Ridgway.

"The Rite of Election is an occasion of great joy in the church of Erie," according to Sister Nancy Fischer, SSJ, coordinator of the Office of Christian Initiation for the diocese.

The Rite of Election is part of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), a process that was restored to the Catholic Church after Vatican II. Catechumens and candidates will be welcomed into the Catholic faith at Easter Vigil Mass March 31.

Rite of Election liturgies were held this year at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie, and at St. Leo Parish in Ridgway. Bishop Lawrence Persico presided at the Erie event, and Bishop Emeritus Donald Trautman presided in Ridgway.

Of the 161 participating in this year's Rite of Election, 63 are catechumens (people who have never been baptized in any faith); 53 are candidates who were baptized outside the Catholic Church; and 45 are Catholics who are completing their rites of initiation, including first Holy Communion and confirmation.



Celebrating the Rite of Election Feb. 18 at St. Peter Cathedral are a group from Notre Dame Parish in Hermitage. Pictured in the front row, from left, are: candidates and catechumens Brian Goda, Tom Anderson, Dawn Milani and Eric Brown; and in the second row, from left: sponsors Alexis Goda, Kathleen Anderson, Pat Polesnak, coordinator Kathy Higgins, and sponsor Jennifer Brown.

Catholic Foundation of Northwest PA hires staff



Michelle Basista

Julia Cooney

The Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania has hired two new staff members as part of its restructuring process.

Michelle Basista has been named gifts officer, and Julia Cooney is now operations manager.

"I am grateful to have Julia and Michelle as colleagues. Both bring a commitment to our mission and valuable expertise in their area of work," said Lisa Louis, executive director of the Catholic Foundation.

As gifts officer, Basista will connect donors and prospective donors with opportunities to financially support Catholic ministries in the Diocese of Erie. Previously, she worked in a variety of fundraising capacities with the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities near Pittsburgh. She holds a master's in pastoral ministry from Duquesne University and a bachelor's degree in religious studies from Allegheny College.

Cooney will coordinate day-to-day operations, including donation/donor database and financial management, and will coordinate various donor relations projects.

To contact the Catholic Foundation, go to <http://dioceseoferie.planningyourlegacy.org> or call 814-824-1237.

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Pope's words of wisdom reverberate

BY CAROL GLATZ | CNS

VATICAN CITY—A native Spanish speaker who grew up with Italian-speaking relatives in Argentina, Pope Francis has a striking way with words.

Bringing a background in literary themes and devices with him to the papacy five years ago, the pope has shown himself to be a master of metaphor and allegory.

His cross-cultural and eclectic knowledge of literature and cinema has supplied him with numerous visual elements that he mixes and matches with a religious message, creating such compound concoctions as "the babysitter church" to describe a parish that doesn't encourage active evangelizers but only worries about keeping parishioners inside, out of trouble.

The Ignatian spirituality that formed him as a Jesuit also is apparent in many of his turns of phrase. Just as a Jesuit seeks to use all five senses to find and experience God, the pope does not hesitate to use language that involves sight, sound, taste, touch and smell.

He urges the world's priests to be "shepherds living with

the smell of sheep" by living with and among the people in order to share Christ with them. And, he tells his cardinals that all Catholic elders need to share with the young their insight and wisdom, which become like "fine wine that tastes better with age."

No chorus is as wonderful as the squeaks, squeals and banter of children, he once

said before baptizing 32 babies in the Sistine Chapel, assuring the parents that the commotion and chaos of new life was not only welcome, but wonderful.

The pope's visual vocabulary dips into the everyday with sayings and scenarios from daily routines: like sin being more than a stain; it is a rebellious act against God that requires more than just a trip "to the laundromat to have it cleaned."

Pope Francis' frequent fo-

cus on the evils of living a hypocritical or superficial life has meant employing descriptions such as showy as peacocks, frivolous as an over-primped star and fleeting as soap bubbles. "A soap bubble is beautiful! It has so many colors! But it lasts one second and then what?"

Pope Francis does not shy away from the off-color, call-

as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal his wounds."

The consequence of pride or vanity, he warned on another occasion, "is like osteoporosis of the soul: The bones seem good from the outside, but on the inside they are all ruined."

Another medical problem afflicting souls diagnosed by Pope Francis is "spiritual Alzheimer's," a condition that renders some people incapable of remembering God's love and mercy for them and, therefore, unable to show mercy to others.

If people were to get a "spiritual electrocardiogram," he once asked, would it be flattened because the heart is hardened, unmoved and emotionless or would it be pulsating with the prompting and prods of the Holy Spirit?

And whether people recognize it or not, God is their true father, he says, adding, "First of all, he gave us his DNA, that is, he made us his children; he created us in his image, in his image and likeness, like him."

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Two priests removed from ministry

FAITHLIFE Staff report

Two priests of the Diocese of Erie—Father David Poulson, 64, and Father Sean Kerins, 27, have been prohibited from any public ministry, as well as any contact with minors, stemming from unrelated situations.

Bishop Lawrence Persico said he was "shocked and disappointed" after learning of both cases.

"My heart aches for the victims and their families," he said. "Priests are rightly held to a high standard, so it was especially devastating for me to learn of both situations. I know all Catholics, including our priests, are deeply wounded by this behavior."

The diocese received what it believes to be credible allegations against Father Poulson regarding the sexual abuse of minors. A preliminary independent investigation is continuing, and the matter has been turned over to law enforcement.

Father Poulson has resigned permanently from his position as pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Cambridge Springs. The bishop has removed him from the following assignments: chaplain at SCI, Cambridge Springs; bishop's dele-

gate for Mass in the Extraordinary Form; diocesan liaison to the Catholic Charismatic Renewal; and diocesan chaplain for the World Apostolate of Fatima.

Father Kerins, who was ordained last year, has been removed from his positions as chaplain and faculty member at Kennedy Catholic High School in Hermitage, and from his position as a priest in residence at Church of the Good Shepherd Parish in West Middlesex.

In late January, the Catholic Schools Office of the diocese was informed by Kennedy Catholic High School of possible inappropriate communication from Father Kerins to a student. Following school and diocesan policy, ChildLine and law enforcement were informed, and a preliminary independent investigation also was initiated.

Following the conclusion of the preliminary investigation, the diocese determined that a series of text messages in question were inappropriate according to diocesan and school standards, and in violation of diocesan policy. Law enforcement is continuing its investigation.

In an effort to help students, faculty and staff at KCHS deal with this difficult announcement, professional counsel-

ors from Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie were made available at the school.

In a letter to KCHS families, Father Jason Glover, president, said, "As painful as the news is, we took swift and decisive action in this matter. We are committed to maintaining your trust in the Kennedy Catholic Family of Schools and its commitment to the safety and well-being of our students."

The Diocese of Erie encourages anyone who may have knowledge of either situation, or who has been affected by similar improprieties, to contact law enforcement or the independent investigators retained by the Diocese of Erie at ErieRCD@KLGates.com.

In addition, victims or concerned individuals can report abuse to ChildLine, an outreach of the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, by calling 800-932-0313. The line is open around the clock, seven days a week, and callers may choose to remain anonymous.

Counseling assistance is available for victims and/or their families through the diocesan victim assistance coordinator, Dr. Robert Nelsen, at 814-451-1521.

LUNAR NEW YEAR

NEW YORK CITY—A boy receives Communion during a Mass celebrated in Mandarin Feb. 18 at Transfiguration Church in the Chinatown neighborhood of New York City. Following the liturgy, special blessings were imparted on worshippers and prayers offered for their ancestors in observance of the Chinese Lunar New Year, which began Feb. 16.



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Newsmakers



Snippets of Catholic headlines and stories from around the world

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Catholics speak up for DACA



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Recipients of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program and their supporters, including clergy, participate in a Jan. 18 news conference sponsored by the Metropolitan Organization at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Aldine, Texas.

WASHINGTON (CNS)—President Donald Trump pulled the plug on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, but he gave Congress a March 5 deadline to find a permanent legislative solution that would help some 800,000 young adults living in the U.S. who were brought into the country without legal permission as children.

So far, lawmakers have failed to deliver any solution even as the deadline approaches. Catholic leaders and organizers from around the U.S. have been clamoring for relief for the young adults, some of whom already face deportation and the loss of permits that allow them to work, drive and attend school.

The Ohio-based Association of U.S. Catholic Priests is urging its members to fast and pray, but also to call lawmakers—and encourage their parishioners to also take part in personal and public actions—asking that Congress pass per-

manent relief for the young adults affected.

Many U.S. bishops, including Erie Bishop Lawrence Persico, have made personal pleas through social media channels and have urged Catholics to push lawmakers for action.

They encouraged participation in the Feb. 26 National Catholic Call-in Day organized by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

'Paul' to be released this month



CNS photo/Sony Pictures

Jim Caviezel as Luke, and James Faulkner as Paul are seen in the film "Paul, Apostle of Christ."

WASHINGTON—With the new movie "Paul, Apostle of Christ," Eric Groth, one of the film's executive producers, said, "It was real important to tell the story of God's mercy."

"His message of love and life and mercy is so important for us today," Groth said to an invitation-only audience of about 60 at a Feb. 15 advance screening of the film at the St. John Paul II National Shrine in Washington.

The movie is rated PG-13 for disturbing images and violent content, virtually all of it Roman violence against Christians.

The film is set to open March 23 on more than 2,000 screens in the United States.

Giving up Facebook for Lent?



Editor's Notes

Mary SOLBERG

Facebook was founded in 2004, but this is the first year that I've noticed so many people giving it up for Lent. Like chocolate, a favorite indulgence worldwide, Facebook apparently has risen to the top of the Lenten sacrifice list. A quick search on Google gives you 732,000 results about shutting down Facebook for the 40 days of Lent.

The fact that I Googled this means I'm one of billions of people scrambling for information in the digital universe, where Facebook is its own planet. While not a Facebook junkie, I use it for work, and regularly scroll through friends' and family members' posts.

Unlike those who give an hour-by-hour account of their day, I use the site so I "don't miss anything."

It has become the avenue by which important messages are shared. Just the other day, I ordered Girl Scout cookies on my Facebook page.

Those who've given up Facebook this Lent have inspired me to at least reduce my exposure to it.

I don't want to end up like the 200 people studied by researchers from Vrije University in Amsterdam who get excited every time they see Facebook's logo. Those folks are hooked on Facebook like a gambling addict is on casinos.

I'm more of a practical user. I look forward to seeing photos of

my nieces and nephews who live far away, but to do that, I have to sift through posts that fill me with dread.

This uneasy feeling started a couple of years ago when I applauded the work of people fighting against racism. Surprisingly, it ignited a firestorm.

That's when I quit sharing opinions on my personal Facebook page. My heart races when I see venomous language or even nicely stated words designed only to hurt others.

Because Facebook is a kind of necessary evil in our world today, I'm trying to live by what Pope Francis said at the 2016 World Day of Social Communications: "It is

not technology which determines whether or not communication is authentic, but rather the human heart and our capacity to use wisely the means at our disposal."

Wise use of social media is the key. Good things can happen when it promotes a great cause, i.e. raising money for a charity or encouraging people to participate in an event that helps others.

Social media enlightens people about important efforts, many of which are sponsored by U.S. Catholic bishops, regarding homelessness, drug addiction, immigration and unchecked violence in our society.

At the end of February, the bishops supported an internet effort encouraging people to call their legislators about helping Dreamers and reforming immigration laws.

Like dark chocolate, whose beautiful antioxidants improve our health, Facebook has benefits, too.

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Mercyhurst to present Romero Award

Mercyhurst University and its Department of Religious Studies will present the prestigious Archbishop Oscar Romero Award this month to Erie resident Mary Hoffman, a retired special education teacher.

Hoffman will be recognized March 20 at 7 p.m. in the Mercy Heritage Room on the Erie campus. She will deliver a lecture—"If You Could, You Should!"—centering on what she calls "the beauty of the people in my life who opened my eyes, my heart,

my mind and the doors that led me to such a fulfilling life."

The Romero Award is an annual honor given to an individual or organization living out the call of faith and justice "in an extraordinary manner."

Hoffman, a 1974 graduate of Mercyhurst, retired after 34 years as a special education teacher with the Millcreek Township School District. She continues to run the "Inspire!" theater program developed for special needs students who have graduated from high school. Each year, these students of all ages star in a musical.

The public is welcome to attend the event. For more information, contact Robert von Thaden, chair of the Religious Studies Department, at 814-824-2184.



Mary Hoffman

Director named to Social Justice and Life

Patrice Swick, a graduate of Gannon University who recently completed a two-year commitment as a Jesuit Volunteer in Tanzania, Africa, has been named director of the Catholic Charities' Office for Social Justice and Life.

She subscribes to the Frederick Buechner quote: "Vocation is where our greatest passion meets the world's

greatest need."

The office serves to inform, educate and inspire parishes and individuals in the Diocese of Erie concerning matters of social justice and a consistent ethic of life.

"My prayer and hope is that the Office of Social Justice and Life grows into a place where we can dive into these 'big ideas' of justice and faith and in real ways, support each other to live out the Gospel in the unique way to which we are each called," Swick said.

She can be reached at pswick@ErieRCD.org or by phone at 814-824-1254.



Patrice Swick

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EVENTS

Order Easter foods

Holy Trinity Parish in Erie is holding its annual Easter Market, featuring many traditional Polish foods. Pre-order through March 5 by calling 814-456-0671. The Easter Market will be held at the church social center, E. 23rd and Reed streets, on March 23 from 4 to 7 p.m. and March 24 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Charismatic prayer breakfast

Word of Life Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the Diocese of Erie is hosting a prayer breakfast March 10 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Center, located behind St. Joseph Church, 147 W. 24th St., Erie. The cost is \$8.50 with breakfast, or \$5 without breakfast. Register by March 7 by calling 814-853-9717.

Duquesne Concert Choir

The Duquesne University Concert Choir, "Voices of Spirit," will perform March 11 at 4 p.m. at St. Peter Cathedral, W. 10th and Sassafras streets. Directed by Dr. Caron Daley, the concert is open to the public; a free will offering will be taken.

Mission features Dan Schutte

A Lenten mission, featuring renowned musician and composer Dan Schutte, will be held March 11-13 at 7 p.m. each day at Our Lady of

Mercy Church, 837 Bartlett Road, Harborcreek. All are invited. Schutte will explore the theme, "Lord, Make Me Whole," through Scripture, reflection, story and song. The mission is sponsored by the parishes of Our Lady of Mercy, St. Gregory, St. Mark/Mount Calvary, and St. James.

Women's prayer retreat

A women's retreat will be held March 16-18 at St. Thomas More House of Prayer in Cranberry, with Father John-Luke Stahr of the Community of St. John in Princeville, Ill., serving as preacher. Father John-Luke will discuss the beauty of womanhood and its challenges in the Book of Revelation. The retreat is open to all women, with a discounted rate for a mother and daughter. To register, call Carrie at 814-676-1910, or email info@liturgyofthehours.org. For more information, go to www.liturgyofthehours.org.

Vocation dinner

A St. Andrew Dinner for young men striving to follow Jesus' call in their lives, and to be open to the possibility of the seminary and priesthood, will be held March 10 from 6 to 8 p.m. at St. Peter Cathedral, Erie. RSVP to 814-453-6677.

Sisters honored for social justice work

National Catholic Sisters Week March 8-14

Erie Sisters Marlene Bertke, OSB, Rita Brocke, RSM, and Mary Claire Kennedy, SSJ, will be honored during National Catholic Sisters Week this month for their many years of dedicated social activism.

The sisters, all in their 80s and 90s, will be honored at an event—"Women Who Are Called"—on March 11 at 2 p.m. at Mount St. Benedict Monastery, Erie.

The public is invited to celebrate the occasion, which will include a video tribute and a presentation of a tree to each sister.

The trees will be planted on the property of their respective communities as a living reminder of their commitment to social justice. Another tree will be planted at each community's property with a plaque honoring the three sisters.

Whether it's working to stop human sex trafficking and the death penalty, or pushing for changes in U.S. immigration law, health care or the environment, the sisters stand at the forefront of local and national efforts at reform.

In the City of Erie, Sisters Marlene, Rita and Mary Claire coordinated and regularly attend Take Back the Site vigils. The vigils reclaim peace in neighborhoods where violence has occurred.

For information on the "Women Who Are Called" event, contact Sister Anne McCarthy, OSB, at 814-460-5522 or bfp@mstbenedict.org.



Pictured at a 2014 Take Back the Site event in Erie, left to right, are: Sister Marlene Bertke, OSB; Sister Rita Brocke, RSM; and Sister Mary Claire Kennedy, SSJ.

Other National Catholic Sisters Week events:

- Panel discussion on religious life, March 14 at 1:30 p.m. at Mercy Hilltop Center, 444 East Grandview Blvd. Erie. Panelists are Sister JoAnne Courneen, RSM; Sister Susan Doubet, OSB; and Sister Nancy Fischer, SSJ, with moderator Gary Loncki, communications director for the Sisters of Mercy. For more information, contact Amy Chevalier at onthelilamy@gmail.com or call 814-824-2214.
- Evening for women ages 17 to 25, March 14 beginning at 5 p.m. at the Sisters of St. Joseph Community Living Center, 5031 West Ridge Road, Erie. Includes an informal dinner and fireside chat about the many things to which God calls us in our lives and how to be open to God's prompting. For more information or to RSVP (by March 9), contact Sister Rosemary O'Brien, SSJ, at s.robrien@ssjerie.org or call 814-836-4212.

OBITUARY

Sister Marie Eileen Moyer, SSJ

Sister Marie Eileen Moyer, SSJ, 79, of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania, died Feb. 18. She was in the 60th year of her religious life.

Born in Schenectady, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late Elmo and Georgia (Murray) Moyer. In 1958, she entered the Sisters of St. Joseph from Our Lady of the Angels Parish in Cuba, N.Y., and professed her final vows in 1966.

Sister Marie Eileen earned a bachelor's degree in business education from Villa Maria College, Erie, and a master's in business administration in finance/accounting from St. Louis University in Missouri.

She taught at St. John the Baptist, Villa Maria Elementary, Our Lady's Christian and Holy Rosary schools, and Villa Maria Academy, all in Erie; and at St. Francis School, Clearfield. She also had an extensive career in business, including work in the business office at Spencer Hospital in Meadville, the Registrar's Office at St. Louis University, and as business manager at Villa Maria Academy.

She worked in the Communications Center at Villa Maria College/Gannon University, Erie, and was director of finance at Villa Maria Center, Erie. She ministered as a social service assistant at Saint Mary's at Asbury Ridge. In 2016, she retired from active ministry while working in finance for Villa Maria Campus, Inc.

One of Sister Marie Eileen's other significant ministries was her service as administrator of St. Patrick's Haven, where she served from 1989 until 2000. At the time of her death, she was a board member of the Haven.

"In truth, without her we probably would have had to close St. Patrick's Haven," said Sister Mary Fromknecht, SSJ, and current director of St. Patrick's Haven. "Few others had the heart for the Haven in the early years as did Sister Marie Eileen."

Besides her parents, her brother, Michael Moyer, preceded her in death. Survivors include her sisters, Patricia Lacy of Summerville, S.C., and Mary K. Foley of Newport News, Va.; her sister-in-law, Jackie Moyer of Austin, Texas; and members of her religious community. A funeral Mass was held Feb. 22 in the chapel of the Sisters of St. Joseph Community Living Center in Erie. Interment was at Calvary Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Sisters of St. Joseph Mission and Ministries Foundation, 5031 West Ridge Road, Erie, PA, 16506-1249.



Sister Marie Eileen Moyer, SSJ

Prom held for people with special needs

FAITHLIFE staff report

Paparazzi and the red carpet greeted more than 100 people with special needs at the Night to Shine event Feb. 9 at St. James Church in Erie.

Another 300 volunteers, buddies and family members of those with disabilities also participated in the unforgettable prom night experience sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation.

"The night was just phenomenal," said Jim Serafin, whose 17-year-old son Matthew was among the celebrated guests. "He was excited the whole week before. It gave him the independence to be by himself and celebrate instead of having mom and dad with him all the time."

St. James was among more than 500 churches around the world that hosted a Night to Shine event that same evening. The Diocese of Erie's Office of Disabilities Ministries offered volunteer hours and planning.

"I think this was a wonderful evening. It certainly brought to light the fact that there is a wonderful movement in Erie to not forget people with disabilities," said Michele Inter, director of the diocesan office. "We all need joy in our lives."

Night to Shine invites anyone with a disability to attend the red carpet event, complete with a warm welcome from a friendly crowd and paparazzi to take photographs.

The Tim Tebow Foundation provided St. James and all host churches with official planning manuals, kits, decorations and gifts for guests.

The honored guests get limousine rides and, once inside, have the opportunity to receive a hair and makeup treatment,



Matthew Serafin, a parishioner of Our Lady of Peace Parish, Erie, arrives on the red carpet at the Night to Shine prom night at Erie's St. James Church.

a shoe shine, corsages and boutonniers, prom favors and a catered dinner. They participate in karaoke and, of course, dancing. Each guest is crowned king or queen. A separate room is provided for parents and caretakers.

Jim Serafin and his wife, Kim, parishioners of Our Lady of Peace Parish, Erie, were happy that their son Matthew participated. He was born with a brain malformation that caused cerebral palsy. Diagnosed when he was five months old, he currently

is a sophomore in a life skills class at McDowell High School. Despite his challenges, he has been active in Boy Scouts, basketball and track.

"We hope to see this event offered again. It was exciting to be a part of it," Jim Serafin said. "It was rewarding for parents, too. I met parents I haven't talked to and we shared our challenges and opportunities."

For more information about Night to Shine, visit <http://tim-tebowfoundation.org/index.php/night-to-shine/>.

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A family moment on Ash Wednesday



ERIE—The Ash Wednesday school Mass at St. Luke School was special for one Erie family. A school tradition is for eighth-graders to place ashes on their peers, teachers and parishioners. This year, eighth-grader Eva Buto was able to place ashes on her own mother, Tara Buto.

Our Lady of Peace scout earns top honor



ERIE—William Pianta of Boy Scout Troop 59 at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Erie recently received his Eagle Scout award at Blessed Sacrament Church in Erie. For his Eagle Scout project, Pianta installed bricks and a walkway at Our Lady of Peace Church on W. 38th Street. He is a freshman at Penn State Behrend. Pictured with him, at center, are his sister, Alexa Pianta; his father, Dave Pianta; and his mother, Lisa Pianta. Also pictured are all of his scout leaders: Vince Debernardo, Carol Richards, Gary Baran (scoutmaster), Dean Warner, Gary Ross, Dick Eisert, Howie Richards, Paul McCoy, Doug Fleming and Nathan Kujan.

Kids attend retreat for first reconciliation



ERIE—Children from St. Thomas Parish in Corry, St. Teresa Parish in Union City, and St. Boniface Parish in Erie gathered recently for a first reconciliation retreat at St. Boniface. Those conducting the retreat were Cheryl Nothum, Megan Smolnik and Sister Rose Kuzma, OSF.

Catholic Schools Week features annual basketball game



DuBOIS—Students from St. Francis School, Clearfield, and DuBois Central Catholic recently played their annual Catholic Schools Week junior high basketball game. DCC won this year, but both school communities enjoyed the game. The location of the contest alternates between the schools every year, with students from both St. Francis and DuBois Central in attendance. Pictured are both teams along with their Cardinal and Pony mascots.

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