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Erie's Kayla McBride has one motto: 'God first'

By Mary Solberg
FaithLife

Kayla McBride—the 2010 Villa Maria Academy graduate who plays for the WNBA's San Antonio Stars—has an agent and a Nike contract now. But the notoriety likely won't go to her head.

Basketball is her life, but it doesn't rate No. 1. God and family do. "God first" is my motto, something I think about all the time," McBride told *FaithLife*.

At nearly 22 years of age, McBride appears to have the world—not just basketballs—in the palm of her hands. The Erie native graduates from the University of Notre Dame today, May 18, only about a month after being selected by the Stars as the No. 3 overall pick in the WNBA draft.

In her second pre-season game this month, she started against the Tulsa Shock and scored the team high with 17 points. She is displaying on the professional stage the star quality that she first nurtured at Erie's former St. John-Holy Rosary School and Villa Maria, where she helped lead the team to two state championships.

Doug Chuzie, her former assistant coach at Villa and the director of athletic programs for the Diocese of Erie, is justly proud.

"Basketball helped define Kayla, but it doesn't define her completely," Chuzie said.

He should know, McBride's mother, LuAnn, said. She credits Chuzie and the family atmosphere at Villa and St. John-Holy Rosary for encouraging and promoting McBride's natural athletic abilities.

In fact, LuAnn and LaMont McBride were surprised when 15 Villa teachers and staff created special "We love Kayla" T-shirts and traveled to the Notre Dame women's basketball game in Pittsburgh last January. This spring, when their daughter was in Connecticut waiting for the WNBA draft to begin, Kayla's former St. John-Holy Rosary coach, Kevin Wagner, was in attendance.

"It's that closeness of Catholic schools that means so much," LuAnne McBride said.

Benedictine Sister Mary Ellen Plumb was campus minister at Villa when Kayla McBride was a student there. It was easy, she said, for everyone to love Kayla...even beyond her talents on the basketball court.

"Kayla was quick to offer a helping hand, a listening ear, an encouraging word to anyone in need," Sister

Mary Ellen said. "Even as her celebrity as a basketball star increased, her humility and her determination to share her spotlight increased as well."

Sister Mary Ellen and Doug Chuzie both say they've never met anyone so intent on winning, yet so humble.

"I can remember her cheers roaring for the accomplishments of another student, another athlete, another friend," Sister Mary Ellen added.

Her mother credits Kayla with doing the same with her three younger siblings: Karlee, who plays basketball for Indiana University, Bloomington; Aaron, 13; and Jayden, 7. They are so close that all of them inscribe their first initials on their sneakers: KKAJ.

"Being picked third in the draft, well, that's a wonderful thing," LuAnn McBride said. "You're living your dream, but the person she is...that's what it's all about."



Kayla McBride @kaymac_2123

"Thanking God for allowing me another day." #blessed

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KAYLA McBRIDE STATS:

- Height: 5' 11"
- Position: Shooting guard
- No. 3 overall pick in the 2014 WNBA draft, San Antonio Stars
- May 18, 2014, graduation from University of Notre Dame with a degree in business administration, minor in marketing
- 2006 graduate of St. John-Holy Rosary, Erie
- 2010 graduate of Villa Maria Academy, Erie
- One of five players in Notre Dame women's basketball history to score at least 1,800 points and grab 600 rebounds in her career.



Photo courtesy of the San Antonio Stars

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NATIONAL ACCOLADES

Awards for art go to Mercyhurst student and St. Luke School

The arts are alive and well in the Diocese of Erie this spring.

Today's Catholic Teacher, a nationally circulated magazine for K-8 educators, honored St. Luke School in Erie for its online art class that reaches out to six other schools. St. Luke was among 12 schools from throughout the country selected for the magazine's annual Innovations in Catholic Education Awards.

Also in Erie, Mercyhurst Preparatory School junior Jialin Li, claimed first place in the annual high school Congressional Art Competition. Her work, titled "Glass Menagerie," will hang in the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C., for one year.

Both national awards were announced in the past month.

Li, an international student from China, learned over Easter break that her charcoal drawing had taken first place and would be on display in the U.S. Capitol. She hopes to visit Washington, but probably not until after she returns later this summer from her home in China.

"My flight back to China already has been decided, but I hope to go to Washington sometime," Li said. "I was pretty happy about my piece going in the show. I never even gave it a thought that I would be in first place."

She drew "Glass Menagerie" in her International Baccalaureate art class at Mercyhurst, which she credits for encouraging students to use their imaginations when creating still life drawings.

"In China, the teacher sets up the ob-



Contributed photo

Jialin Li stands next to her winning charcoal drawing, "Glass Menagerie."

jects for you, but here we had to think about composition, color and selecting your own objects to draw," Li said. "It pushed me to be more creative and to be more original."

In Pittsburgh last month, St. Luke School Principal Karen Beer and diocesan Director of Curriculum Kim Lytle accepted the Innovations award from *Today's Catholic Teacher*. St. Luke was honored in the category of Innovative Project Facilitated by Technology.

Through the use of video conferencing software and laptop computers, the school's online art program covers more than 10,000 square miles from one classroom.

The class is held every Friday throughout the school year, teaching students in preschool through grade 8. Participating

schools pay \$4 per child per year; the remainder of the costs is covered by individual donor grants and support from the Diocese of Erie.

According to *Today's Catholic Teacher*, "Participating schools say this new strategy is a great improvement for their arts education program and that students' skills seem to be improving in other subject areas as well."

Beer said the national recognition reflects the spirit of cooperation and innovation among schools in the diocese and the Catholic Schools Office.

"This award truly shows how the Catholic Schools Office and not only St. Luke School, but all schools in the Diocese of Erie, pull together and help each other out to meet the needs of our students," Beer said.

St. James ranks high in national online math program

St. James School in Erie is currently in first place in the Diocese of Erie and 32nd nationally in the First in Math online learning program.

Each student at St. James has earned so far an average of 3,500 stickers for completing online math problems.

"The children have worked very hard and have enjoyed it at the same time," said Sister Colette Hiliow, CDS, principal.

First in Math is a nationally acclaimed program that promotes fluency in math from basic facts to algebra II. In addition to the diocesan and national rankings, St. James is currently in 14th place in the state.

In the Diocese of Erie, students in all K-8 schools have so far

completed more than 9 million math problems. The program continues through June. Accord-

Online program helps schools in diocese save \$47,000 in copy costs for math worksheets.

ing to Kim Lyle, director of curriculum, the program has saved schools about \$47,000 in copy costs for worksheets.



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St. James School students pose with their First in Math trophy. Pictured in the front is Joel Brennan. In the back, left to right, are: Jacob Hollenbeck, Kathryn DeDioniso, Isabel Ladaika and Bailey Margosian.

Clergy Appointment

The Most Rev. Lawrence Persico, JCL, Bishop of Erie, makes the following clergy appointment:



Father Scott Deitisch, Ph.D., to the faculty of Saint Mary Seminary and University, Baltimore, Md., effective July 1, 2014, for a term of three years.

Jesus' baptismal site

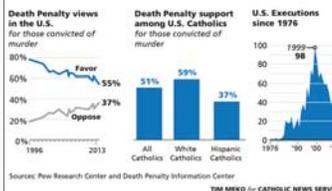


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A pilgrim visiting the site of Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River squats along the riverbank at Bethany Beyond the Jordan on April 30. Pope Francis will pray at the site May 24 during his Holy Land visit.

Death penalty support declines, fewer executions

Shrinking public support for the death penalty and problems in obtaining lethal injection drugs add up to fewer state-sponsored executions in the United States.



CNS graphic

Polls show support for the death penalty continues to decline, especially among Catholics. Since a de facto moratorium on executions in the early 1970s—while states rewrote laws—rates climbed through the 1990s and have been mostly dropping since that time.

Newsmakers



Snippets of Catholic headlines and stories from around the world

from Catholic News Service

■ Pope encourages Christian unity

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—To honor the sacrifice of those killed for their faith in the 20th century, Christians today must renew their commitment to reconciliation and full Christian unity, Pope Francis said.

"Just as in the ancient church the blood of the martyrs became the seed of new Christians, so in our day the blood of many Christians has become the seed of unity," the pope told Catholics.



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Pope Francis poses with Catholicos Karekin II of Etchmiadzin, patriarch of the Armenian Apostolic Church, during a meeting at the Vatican.

Armenian Apostolic Church.

Pope Francis welcomed the catholicos to the Vatican May 8, paying homage to the fidelity and sacrifice of Armenian Christians during decades of persecution and op-

pression. The suffering of Christians from every church and denomination under the Nazis, the communists and various dictatorships in the 1900s has made "an invaluable contribution to the cause of unity among Christ's disciples," the pope added.

The unity of Christians in "suffering and martyrdom and blood," he said, "is a powerful call to continue walking the path of reconciliation among churches with decisiveness and trusting abandonment to the work of the Spirit."

■ Cameroon bishops demand release of Canadian nun, Italian priests

YAOUNDE, Cameroon (CNS)—The Catholic bishops' conference of Cameroon has demanded the release of two Italian priests and a Canadian nun, a month after they were kidnapped by suspected Nigerian Islamists.

The bishops of Cameroon "strongly condemn these inadmissible attacks from extremist groups on church officials and all acts of violence which pose a threat to the dignity of the human person," according to a May 5 statement signed by the conference president, Archbishop Samuel Kleda of Douala.

The bishops said the April 5 overnight abduction by "well-armed, unidentified people" had "raised fear and consternation within the Catholic Church."

New parish hall dedicated in Smethport

Century-old church creates accessible space

SMETHPORT—This year's First Communion class at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish in Smethport gathered with family and friends for a cake reception on May 4.

For most communities, such gatherings are typical, but for this tiny parish used to a mostly inaccessible social center, it was a real celebration in more ways than one.

Only days before, the McKean County parish opened the doors to its new 3,200-square-foot social hall, complete with a kitchen, bathrooms and accessibility to the main church. More elderly family members and others attended the First Communion reception this month, probably because they didn't have to descend the small, winding stairwell to the old basement parish center.

For at least a century, parishioners—or at least those who could walk down the narrow stairs—gathered for all kinds of parish activities in the basement of the church. Increasingly, though, the space became unusable, with its small doorways and lack of accessibility to the elderly and disabled.

"We were all amazed how many people showed up at this year's reception. We had quite a large turnout. It was kind of surprising," said Father Vincent Cieslewicz, pastor.

On April 27, Bishop Lawrence Persico, Father Cieslewicz and retired Father Chuck Schmitt consecrated a dedication Mass for the new parish hall. About 180 people attended the luncheon held afterward.



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Standing inside the new parish hall after the dedication Mass at St. Elizabeth of Hungary in Smethport are, from left: Father Chuck Schmitt, Bishop Lawrence Persico, altar server Abbey Woodard, Father Christopher Singer, altar servers Sam and Nick Dibble, and Father Vincent Cieslewicz.

"I'm happy for the people. This was a grassroots effort to build the new parish hall. Everyone got together and supported this," Father Cieslewicz said.

Construction of the one-story addition began last November. The parish has already collected three-quarters of the pledges necessary to pay for the estimated \$475,000 project.

"The time was right; the people were ready for this. They made it happen," Father Cieslewicz added.

Now that the parish hall is open for use, it already has seen an increase in activity, including meetings scheduled for youth ministry leaders and deaconry secretaries. And, of course, there will likely be a number of parish activities or ministry events held there.

As Bishop Persico told those at the dedication Mass, the new hall "is a significant moment in the life of a parish."

Added Father Cieslewicz, "It's opened up a lot of new possibilities for the parish and the community, too."

Card party raises \$18,000

More than \$18,000 was raised at the annual St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary card party April 9 at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie.

For nearly 70 years, the card party has been held once a year to raise funds for the needs of the diocesan seminary. This year, more than 400 people attended the event, participating in a number

of auctions and games.

"It was a wonderful success. The room was full and it was a happy night. The greatest thing was to see young kids up to people in their 90s," said Sue Vandeveld, chairperson of the card party.

For the past eight years, Vandeveld has chaired the event and has watched it flourish.



Sue Vandeveld, left, joins Theresa Ignaczak in looking over an assortment of plants and trees that were donated to the St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary card party. Johnston's Evergreen Nursery in Erie donated about 50 plants for auction at the event.

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Editor's Notes

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St. Paul was a prolific letter-writer who traveled throughout Asia spreading the message of Jesus Christ. I'm sure he would be struck (maybe even more than when he fell from his horse) by the advances in technology today.

Not only is the pope tweeting, but the Vatican is sharing the message of Christianity in new and exciting ways.

In the next four years, thanks to help from a Japanese information technology company, thousands of rare manuscripts dating back to the early centuries of Christianity will go online. Until now, the material has only been available to scholars at the Vatican.

The Vatican Library, founded by Pope Nicholas V in the 15th century, preserves about 82,000 manuscripts. Among its treasures is an illustrated edition of the works of the Roman poet Virgil, dating to around the year 400. So far, only about 300 documents are accessible on the library website, www.vaticanlibrary.va.

By 2018, the library plans to offer a total of 15,000 manuscripts online, free of charge, to all visitors. Because St. Paul was such a great communicator, he would be happy with this opportunity to hear the Good News.

On World Communications Day, Pope Francis invited all of us to "boldly become citizens of the digital world." That inspired the Office of Communications for the Diocese of Erie to organize last week's Media Study Day at the Bayfront Convention Center in Erie.

About 135 people—clergy and lay people—attended the event. Speakers included: Rocco Palmo, a nationally recognized Catholic blogger and television analyst;

Sister Mary Ann Walsh, director of media relations, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C.; Msgr. Paul Tighe, secretary, Pontifical Council for Social Communications; Greg Baker, director of campus ministry, Mercyhurst University, Erie; and Dr. David Delmonico and Elizabeth Griffin, co-authors of *In the Shadows of the Net and Cybersex: Unhooked*.

Congratulations to those who graduated from Gannon University on May 10. Bishop Lawrence Persico spoke at the Baccalaureate Mass at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie, encouraging graduates to live their lives "with loving, compassionate and humane hearts."

Gannon awarded 769 degrees that included 44 students earning doctoral degrees, 280 earning master's degrees, 416 earning bachelor's degrees, and 32 earning associate's degrees.

Gannon's graduating class this year is quite diverse, with students from 24 nations, including Australia and Zambia.

The priests at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Erie had quite a surprise last month when a turkey flew into the priest residence, shattering the large glass window in the living room. The accident left quite a mess, including blood on the carpet, walls and hallways. Msgr. Dan Magraw, pastor, took it all in stride, saying, "The turkey must have seen his reflection in the window and thought another turkey was inside the house, but soon discovered it was four monsignors!"

Father John Detisch, pastor of St. Jude the Apostle Parish in Erie, tweeted on May 5 that he was excited to be driving St. Jude's new torch-red Corvette back to Erie from Atlantic City for the parish's annual car raffle. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the parish or online within the next few weeks. A winner will be picked on Parish Day, Oct. 26.

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News Briefs

Relay for Life concert scheduled at OLP

ERIE—The Selah Praise Band of Our Lady of Peace Parish in Erie and the music ministry of Holy Cross Parish in Fairview will join together Wednesday, May 21, to present an evening of praise and worship music to benefit Relay for Life.

The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Peace, 2401 W. 38th St., Erie. The event, which is free and open to the public, will include music, fellowship and refreshments. A free-will offering will be taken during the concert to benefit the Our Lady of Peace Relay for Life team.

Triduum of St. Anthony of Padua planned

SHARON—St. Anthony Parish in Sharon will hold a Triduum of St. Anthony June 11-13. Here is the speaker schedule:

- Father Steve Schreiber, director of vocations for the Diocese of Erie, Wednesday, June 11.
- Father Larry Richards, pastor of St. Joseph/Bread of Life Community, Erie, and founder of the Reason for Our Hope Foundation, Thursday, June 12.
- Father James Campbell, pastor of St. Eulalia Parish, Coudergsport, and St. Gabriel Parish, Port Allegany, Friday, June 13, the feast of St. Anthony.

The evenings begin at 7 p.m. and include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. All are welcome.

Soccer camp scheduled at Villa

ERIE—Villa Maria Academy is hosting a soccer camp June 16-20 for boys and girls in grades 4 through 9.

The cost is \$100 per player and includes a T-shirt. For more information, contact Afrim Latifi at 746-0424 or log on to the Prep-Villa website at www.prep-villa.com. Click on either the Prep or Villa site, go to athletics, and then click on summer camps.

Diocesan Spelling Bee winners announced

ERIE—Does the word have two s's or just one? Is the ending of a word ble or able? These were just some of the spelling challenges for participants in the annual Diocese of Erie Spelling Bee held at St. Mark Catholic Center on May 6.

Students in grades 4 through 6—representing 21 schools from throughout the diocese—competed in the afternoon event. Winners were announced after 27 rounds of spelling.



Tying for first place in the Diocese of Erie Spelling Bee were Katelyn Crist, a sixth-grader from Kennedy Catholic Middle School, Hermitage, left, and Ethan Klie, a fifth-grader from Seton Catholic School, Meadville, right. Sophia Presler, a fifth-grader from Our Lady's Christian School, Erie, center, came in third place.

Benedictine's work housed in new archive

By Mary Solberg
FaithLife

Erie Benedictine Sister Joan Chittister sees herself as that little guy in the corner of a comic strip who shouts out a commentary on the real message of the cartoon.

It's a fitting image of Sister Joan, 78, who has made it her life's work to speak out for peace and justice, particularly on behalf of women.

"I simply say out loud the questions that are bothering people everywhere," Sister Joan has said.

On April 30, Sister Joan looked every bit the part of the humble person in the corner when the new Helen Boyle Memorial Archive in Honor of Joan D. Chittister, OSB, was dedicated at Mercyhurst University in Erie.

"I'm totally overwhelmed," Sister Joan said after the dedication in the fourth floor of Mercyhurst's Hammermill Library. "I wanted these ideas kept. I wanted to make sure that this body of work is neither suppressed nor destroyed, wantonly or recklessly."

The archive houses the ideas of a woman who has crisscrossed the globe in an effort to spread peace and justice. Her views have occasionally become a flashpoint of controversy.

She has met with such international figures as Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and the Dalai Lama.

Recognized for her lectures, she attended the 2009 Parliament of World Religions in Melbourne, Australia. This spring, she was invited by her friend Maria Shriver to speak at a live event, "The Shriver Report: A Woman's Nation Pushes Back from the Brink," at the Newseum in Washington, D.C.

A large crowd filled the archive room at Mercyhurst,



Photo by Mary Solberg

Erie Benedictine Sister Joan Chittister stands in front of a wall of archival photos celebrating her contributions to peace and justice throughout the world.

Reflections on Sister Joan Chittister, OSB

"She speaks up for women, the poor, those who are victims of poor immigration laws, war, military conquests, the environment."

— Mary Hembrow Snyder
Director of Mercyhurst's Center for Mercy & Catholic Studies

"Sister Joan has challenged us with exceptional communication skills, both in speech and writing, and as a prophetic voice for justice that will echo for years to come."

— Father Jim Pizskar
Mercyhurst University chaplain

"Sister Joan acts on what she believes. That's a great lesson for us all. She translates her values into positive action."

— Msgr. David Rubino
Vice president for external affairs, Mercyhurst University

where many of Sister Joan's 50 books and numerous photos line the walls. Those in attendance watched a demonstration of the 70-inch interactive screen

on which visitors can read Sister Joan's blogs and access some of her books, videos and speeches.

"Without archival collections documenting the lives of women, there are no role models to follow,

no leaders to emulate, no sects to open our eyes to what is possible, no traditions to follow," said Penn State archivist Jackie Esposito.

The archive is a partnership among the Erie Benedictine community, Mercyhurst and Penn State. Penn State will house the archive, but Mercyhurst and Mount St. Benedict Monastery in Harborcreek will maintain permanent archive rooms with access to her books, articles and other memorabilia.

The late Helen Boyle was a philanthropist and longtime friend of Sister Joan's. Both Boyle and Sister Joan graduated from Mercyhurst University.

"Helen Boyle was a phenomenal visionary and an advocate for women and interreligious dialogue," Sister Joan said. "She is raginly happy today."

Q&A FaithLife interviews WNBA's McBride

FaithLife posed some questions to the WNBA's newest star—and Erie's own—Kayla McBride.

FaithLife: What has Catholic education meant to you?

McBride: Although I am not Catholic, being at a Catholic school basically my entire life has allowed me to grow in my faith. It has allowed me to appreciate the faith side of my education. It also opened my eyes to allow me to diversify my thinking to others of different faiths.

FaithLife: Does faith have a place in sports?

McBride: I think faith has a huge place in sports. I think one thing that has really stuck out to me is how much pressure we put on ourselves as athletes. One thing that has always driven me is knowing that God has given me these talents for a reason. There is no pressure on us with God. He blessed us with many talents and he wants us to cherish and flourish in them.

FaithLife: What's your personal motivation in basketball?

McBride: What drives me as a person in basketball is competition. I love winning. I love challenges and basketball brings that every single day. It has challenged me on and off the court as a person and allows me to grow and be better every day.



Contributed photo

Villa Maria Academy teachers and staff showed their love for Kayla McBride when they traveled to Pittsburgh in January for a University of Notre Dame basketball game. Pictured with McBride, left to right, are: Kathy DiNicola, Jean Petersen, Kristy Martin, Sister Marianne Stuckert, SSI, Deb Seng, Susan Bell and Lisa Chiment-Foster.

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Gannon women's basketball team in the pink



ERIE—The Gannon University women's basketball team raised about \$14,000 in the fight against breast cancer during its annual Pink Zone basketball game this winter. The team presented checks of \$7,000 each to Linked by Pink and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer at a ceremony at Erie City Hall on April 24.

About 1,700 people attended this year's Pink Zone game. "From the boosters, to the men's and women's basketball programs, to the athletic department here at Gannon, and the Gannon and Erie community, everyone came together for such a wonderful cause," said assistant women's basketball coach, Sarah Grab-Skelton.

Prep students apply elbow grease to chapel



ERIE—Students from Villa Maria Academy and Cathedral Prep in Erie participated in a Community Outreach Day May 2, providing their services to various community organizations, parks and businesses throughout Erie. Pictured cleaning the chapel at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie are Prep junior Alex Arrowsmith, left, and Prep freshman Joseph Scheloske.

OLC students give toys to needy kids



ERIE—Students at Our Lady's Christian School in Erie donated gently used or new toys and games to help fill Easter baskets for needy children served by the Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network. A cargo van

bursting with toys was donated to the Neighborhood Network. Pictured with just a portion of the toys, from left to right, are students Tyler Darden, Simon Mizner, John Paul Mizner, Francis Mizner and Luca Darden.

Warren Knights contribute to youth



WARREN—Warren Knights of Columbus Council 964 recently made a donation to the Cool Catholic Youth program that serves youth at St. Joseph and Holy Redeemer parishes in Warren. Shown left to right are Father Richard Tooney, pastor of St. Joseph Church; Caitlin Ryan, youth ministry leader of St. Joseph and Holy Redeemer churches; and Steven Warner, grand knight of the Warren K of C Council.

People welcomed into Catholic Church



CURWENSVILLE—Two individuals completed the RCIA program at St. Timothy Parish in Curwensville and were initiated fully into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. In the picture at top, Mark Kelly stands with his sponsor, Erin Kelly, along with Father Mark Mastrian, pastor, and Deacon Tony Indelicato. In the bottom photo are new member Tory Anderson with sponsor, Ellie Davis, and Father Mastrian and Deacon Indelicato.

Scripture study group celebrates Seder



EMLENTON—The Scripture study group of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Emlenton celebrated a traditional Seder in the home of Deacon Candidate Nick Cirell and his wife, Lisa.

Deacon Candidate Cirell, pictured with a wine bottle, stands with guests Regina Barris and her daughter Abby Barris (who was the youngest child at the Seder), Chris Cirell; Father William Barron, pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Emlenton; Father Skip Davis, pastor of St. Michael the Archangel, Fryburg; and Judy Welch.

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Fifth-grader makes miter for Lent



GREENVILLE—Fifth-grader Evan Cienci of St. Michael School in Greenville handcrafted a bishop's miter this Lent. He is pictured here as president, with classmate Ryan Campbell acting as altar server. In class, Cienci assigned different vocations to each of the students and even his teacher, Emily Zgonc. The class also attended the annual Chrism Mass at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie.