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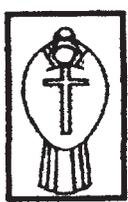
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CBN MC News



September Monthly Breakfast

The Board of Directors of the Catholic Business Network of Montgomery County invites you to its next monthly 2nd Friday Networking Breakfast Meeting being held on Friday, September 8, 2017 at 7:30am. Register online at: www.cbnmc.com.

This month's speaker is Leila A. Finucane, J.D., M.U.P. President and CEO of Victory Housing.

We meet on the second Friday of every month at our new location – Lahinch Tavern and Grill in the Cabin John Shopping Center on Tuckerman Lane and Seven Locks Rd. Parking is conveniently located outside the restaurant.

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October Monthly and Hall of Fame Breakfast

Join us for CBN-MC's monthly breakfast and speaker.

CBN-MC FOUNDATION 18th Annual Youth Coaches Hall of Fame Awards
 Friday, October 13, 2017
 7:30 am EDT
 Catering supplied by Bean Bag Catering
 \$26.00 a person
 Register online at: www.cbnmc.com.

Our speaker will be **Pete Strickland, Head coach of the Ireland National team.** Pete Strickland has coached basketball for 31 years, spanning the professional, collegiate and high school ranks and amidst the development intensive high school ranks, Pete would say that he has mentored, tutored and been an extraordinary example to countless student-athletes and their families, their friends and their associates. THIS is the 'evidence' - as Pete calls it - that means the most to him as he reflects on his coaching career, and where he feels he has most indelibly left his mark. Pete has been the assistant coach for Dematha, NC State and George Washington.

We will meet at the Vis Arts in the Rockville Town Center

Vis Arts
 155 Gibbs Street
 Rockville, MD 20850

Parking is conveniently located in the garage and near Dawson's Market. Registration is \$25 for pre-registered CBN-MC members, \$30 at the door and for non-members.

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Catholic school students from across the area with and without disabilities cheered during the production of a CCSE video for Pope Francis' 2015 visit to Washington. Photo by Nick Stone

Small Powerhouse Supporting Inclusion in Our Catholic Schools

By Kathy Dempsey

Since 2004, in a generously donated office space and with no full-time staff, a small powerhouse nonprofit has been

transforming the face of Catholic education in Montgomery County and across Maryland.

The Catholic Coalition for Special Education engages and

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About CBN-MC

The Catholic Business Network of Montgomery County, CBN-MC, is an independent, non-profit organization of businesses and individual professionals working together to support Catholic education in Montgomery County Maryland.

We apply the principles of our faith in the marketplace, promote valuable networking opportunities among CBN members, as well as provide additional support within the County for the education of our young men and women. Any profits generated through the association, including several specific fund raising events during the year, go to support Montgomery County, Maryland Catholic schools through the CBN-MC Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

From the beginning the members of CBN-MC have made Catholic Education the focus of their charitable work. Since inception, CBN-MC distributed more than \$1,000,000 in development grants to Catholic schools, essay scholarships and need-based scholarships.

As a networking center, CBN-MC has successfully pulled Catholic business men and women together across parish boundaries creating an increased awareness within the parishes of who is in business and what goods and services are offered. Time is arranged at breakfast meetings for structured table networking. At each breakfast members report the deals they have made with fellow members in the recent past.

Teacher of the Year

Holy Cross Kindergarten teacher, Theresa Stavish, was the recipient in May of the Knights of Columbus', Rock Creek Council's Teacher of the Year Award. Ms. Stavish has been teaching at Holy Cross for ten years. She holds a master degree in Education with a concentration in Early Childhood Education, and is a certified reading specialist. "The staff, school community, and students at Holy Cross are truly a second family to me. Teaching

Kindergarten keeps me on my toes – quite literally! I can't imagine a more fulfilling job than working with young children."

One parent described her impression of Ms. Stavish's classroom as one of "overwhelming joy" where children's "eager participation is a testament to the subtle power of her teaching style."

Principal Lisa Kane concurred, saying also how much she appreciated the Knights of Columbus Rock Creek Council's support of Catholic

schools. "Every year the Knights of Columbus' Rock Creek Council host a Teacher Appreciation dinner, and it is always such a wonderful event. We look forward to it every year. The Teacher of the Year award presented at the event gives us a chance to celebrate the contributions of our faculty – and Ms. Stavish is well-deserving of the recognition. She is an extraordinary teacher."

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New Faces and Old Friends in New Places

When the new school year begins, there will be a few changes to the faculty – but some will be old friends in new places.

Mrs. Christine Zalewski will be the teacher's assistant in

Kindergarten. Mrs. Zalewski joined the staff last year as a one-on-one para-educator for a special needs child. Mrs. Mary Downs, who joined the Holy Cross faculty last year as the teaching assistant in Kindergarten, will now assist in the Pre-Kindergarten class.

With the retirement of Mrs. Bobbi Demma after thirty-two years at Holy Cross, Miss Mary Overly is joining the first-grade classroom as the teacher's assistant. Miss Overly is an alumnus of Mary of Nazareth and Connelly School of the Holy Child, and a recent graduate of East Carolina University where she earned a B.S. in Elementary Education with a concentration in Reading. She holds Maryland State teaching certification and is currently pursuing a master's degree at

McDaniel College, in their Reading Specialists: Literacy Leadership program. Miss Overly said, "I am grateful to begin my teaching career in a faith-filled community like Holy Cross."

Ms. Giovanna Kempinski will be the new Director of After School Care. Ms. Kempinski has spent many years working in local Catholic schools, including St. Bernadett's, St. John's College High School, and Catholic University. She will be a wonderful new addition to the staff.

"Holy Cross has always been blessed with remarkably dedicated teachers and staff. I am very pleased to welcome our new and returning faculty for a wonderful new year," said Principal Lisa Kane.

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INCLUSION

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encourages Catholic schools and the Archdioceses of Baltimore and Washington to educate children with intellectual disabilities in inclusive classrooms alongside their peers.

The Catholic Coalition for Special Education (CCSE) supports a school's consideration and journey to developing an inclusive classroom program through technical assistance and training. CCSE ensures that schools are properly equipped and staffed to successfully meet the needs of students with disabilities and that teachers are well prepared to serve all students in their classrooms.

Services range from individual teacher coaching and topical workshops to year-long capacity building assistance tailored specifically to a school's needs.

CCSE also provides scholarships to Catholic school teachers for advanced study in special education.

But CCSE is best known for the seed grants that it gives Catholic schools seeking to start or expand an inclusive education program. It has awarded nearly 60 grants totaling nearly one million dollars to 28 Catholic schools in eight Maryland counties.

Among the schools that have received grant awards in Montgomery County are Academy of the Holy Cross, Our Lady of Lourdes School, St. Andrew

Apostle School and St. John the Evangelist School. The grant awards for 2017 will be announced at an Awards Ceremony & Family Fall Fest on September 17. For more details and to attend this free event, please visit <https://ccse.ejoinme.org/2017FallFest>.

Inclusive education occurs when students with and without disabilities learn side-by-side in the classroom while maintaining appropriate expectations and high academic rigor. As CCSE Founder and President Francesca Pellegrino said, "The presence of students with disabilities in the general education classroom provides a catalyst for learning opportunities that students with or without disabilities might not otherwise have. It is a win-win for all. As a Catholic family how can we afford not to do this?"

Everything CCSE does is free of charge - but not free of cost. This year, in addition to an annual benefit gala, CCSE is introducing its inaugural golf tournament on Monday, October 16. Find your foursome and play on the links of Worthington Manor Golf Club, a nine-time U.S. Open Qualifying Course!

To learn about CCSE and for details on the charity golf tournament, visit <http://ccse-maryland.org/>.

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YOUTH TRIP

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ing the space presentable for the temporary church, until that too can be rebuilt.

Some might call it controlled mayhem, but truly this effort was an effective way for God's children to work together in love and service. The relationships built there may have been the finest building project, starting a bridge of hope between the youth of St. Mary's and St. Joseph's. It was easy to see that St. Mary's team brought back in memories and understanding of the Kingdom at least as much as they took down to Carcasse.

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Taylor Byrd and Megan Roldan with children from Carcasse.

PICNIC

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The cakes were the highlight of the event for many picnic-goers – some tried their luck at the cake wheel while others arrived just before picnic hours to snag their favorite cake before it sold.

Father Kevin said he and his friends made

135 cakes and six pies. "People work hard the week before and the week after (the picnic), putting it together and cleaning it up," he said.

The day after the picnic, St. Mary's gave leftover chicken to the Little Sisters of the Poor in Washington.

David Gillis, visiting from Potomac, said the picnic "was absolutely great. We have come every year for a long time."

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JOUSTING

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seconds he attempts to spear the metal rings on his long, steel tipped lance. Rings vary in size from 1 3/4" in diameter to 1/4 of an inch in diameter. After each contestant has received 3 rides at "large size" rings, those

with tie scores are given one charge at rings a size smaller. If there are still ties, a smaller size ring is used until only the victorious knight remains in the contest.

For more information, visit: www.marylandjousting.com

Source: Maryland Jousting Tournament Association

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