

The middle and high school students at St. Andrew Parish in Ellensburg participated in the Works of Mercy Community Service Program. They worked hard cleaning up the cemetery and did a beautiful job. Their efforts were very much appreciated by the congregation.



Fifty-six students at St. Michael the Archangel in Royal City received First Communion this year. The program incorporated the parents in the learning process. It was a beautiful family experience!

St. Pius X in Quincy hosted a Stations of the Cross for sixty students. The students were each given a small bag before starting and at each station they received a small remembrance, such as a cross.



St. Joseph Parish in Wenatchee held a Pet Blessing in honor of St. Francis with children bringing their pets. It was a real barnyard in the courtyard! They are looking forward to hosting the event again on October 3rd.

Twenty-eight students at Our Lady of Assumption in Leavenworth were Confirmed this year. A highlight included exposing the students to a number of different forms of prayer including Divine Mercy and Lectio Divina.

The highlight of the year for students at St. John the Baptist in Cle Elum and Immaculate Conception in Roslyn was taking eight students to visit the Literacy Wagon in Wenatchee. The program provides educational services to children living in the migrant camps. The experience had a profound effect on the students.

The students at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Moses Lake are really responding to their curriculum, "Good News" and 115 received First Communion. Teachers enjoyed and benefited from the recent Catechist Training.

St. Joseph in Waterville and St. Henry in Grand Coulee are gathering Catechists and are looking forward to launching religious education programs this fall. They are asking for prayers and support for a successful launch.

Praises from Our Northern Parishes



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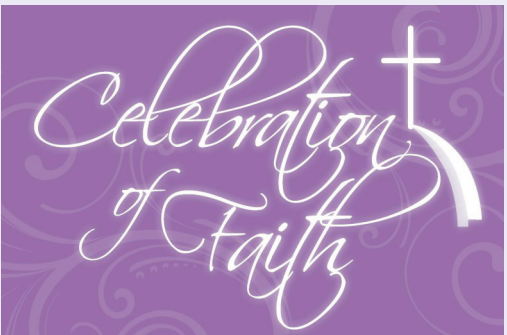
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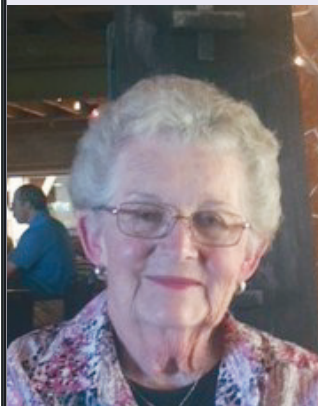
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# 2018 Champions of Catholic Education

The **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award** is presented to those who have dedicated their time, talent and treasure to religious education, faith formation and RCIA programs in their parishes.



**Mary Hamelin** started the RCIA program at **Holy Family Parish** nearly 40 years ago. She has worked in the parish youth ministry office as well as at St. Joseph School. Mary continues to share faith through the Catholics Returning Home program.

**Areli Campos** has served **Holy Redeemer Parish** in Yakima as a Catechist, youth ministry leader, lector and Eucharistic Minister. Areli engages both the children and the parents as she goes above and beyond in answering the call to catechize and evangelize.



The **St. John Baptist De La Salle Award** is presented to those who have excelled as educators in our Catholic schools.



**Katie Crosby Ferguson** taught and was a principal in Catholic schools for over 41 years, the last 23 years of which were at **Christ the King School** in Richland. Katie retired in 2007 and passed away on May 11, 2018. Over one thousand students benefited from her strong work ethic and her commitment to her Catholic faith.

**Lisa Jacobs** is the President of **Tri-Cities Prep High School** in Pasco. Lisa came aboard during a challenging time for the school and injected a spirit of renewal. She is greatly admired by the parents, faculty, staff, and board members.



The **St. Thomas Aquinas Award** is presented to an individual/couple who has been a major benefactor of Catholic education in Central Washington.

**Helen Ghirardo** sent all six of her kids through **Christ the King School** and **Tri-Cities Prep** and remains an active volunteer. She has chaired numerous committees and fundraisers. Helen worked tirelessly to help make the dream of Tri-Cities Prep a reality.



**Ann Sonn** has volunteered as a speech pathologist at **St. Joseph Catholic School** in Wenatchee for more than 35 years. When her children were growing up, Ann volunteered in the parish junior high and high school youth ministry programs. Ann continues her unwavering support of Catholic education in all its forms through her service on the Board of Directors of the Central Washington Catholic Foundation.



**Bud Hollingbery** has served as both member and president of the **La Salle High School** Board of Directors and is totally driven by the mission of the Christian Brothers to "educate the young, especially the poor." Bud is often viewed as the heart and soul behind La Salle and he is not even Catholic! Bud is a member of Grace of Christ Presbyterian Church.



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