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Good News

Salem Catholic Schools Foundation

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Welcome to the first issue of the electronic version of Good News. We will provide you with breaking "good news" from all Salem-area Catholic Schools. We will continue to publish a quarterly magazine, but in between, we want you to know about all the wonderful things happening with Catholic education.

Artist-in-Residence Aims to Enhance Music Education

Salem Catholic Schools Foundation Welcomes Carol Ann Manzi

It was an offer Carol Ann Manzi couldn't refuse. Manzi, a professional vocal artist, teacher and inspirational speaker, was approached earlier this year by a friend about the need for an Artist in Residence for Salem area Catholic Schools. Manzi said the offer was just perfect for all that is important in her life, "namely, my spiritual values, singing and teaching," Manzi said. "Then, in a very short and divine order, the road was paved for me to get here and begin."

The Salem Catholic Schools Foundation welcomed Manzi on board on October 1, 2013 and looks forward to working with her for many years to come. As Artist in Residence, Manzi will be teaching her talents and spreading her gifts to students at each of our Salem area Catholic Schools. "I am hoping that my programs will enable students to discover new talents, goals and dreams for themselves," Manzi said. "I am hoping to expand their visions of life and of themselves through their creative self-expression."

When you hear her voice, one would think that singing came very easy to her. But Manzi, an internationally acclaimed operatic soprano, says she has had to have a lot of discipline and practice to get where she is at today. [To read more about Ms. Manzi click here.](#)

Catholic Schools Graduate Serves as Cantor at Red Mass

Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas among those in attendance

When Matthew Creagan sings at a Catholic Mass, he hopes "to connect with people and make them feel closer to God." Last spring, Creagan was asked by Maureen Briare, the University of Portland's Music Ministry Director, to sing the Psalm at the Red Mass of the Holy Spirit. The Mass was held on September 19, 2013 at the University of Portland's Garaventa Center. The Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Alexander K. Sample. Among those in attendance were former Archbishop John G. Vlazney and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas.

Creagan, a Queen of Peace and Blanchet Catholic School graduate was honored to be selected. This Mass is held every year at the beginning of a court session as a way to pray for legal workers (attorneys, judges, lawyers) so they can use their faith to guide them in their work. Creagan says he believes he

Enrollment Up at St. Vincent

For the 2013-2014 school year, enrollment at St. Vincent de Paul School is up nearly 25 percent from last school year.

St. Joseph Welcomes New Principal

Melissa Doxtator is St. Joseph Schools' new Principal. She previously worked at Catholic schools in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Blanchet Celebrates 19 Years

As Blanchet Catholic School celebrates its 19th school year, the school's principal takes on dual roles. Tony Guevara will continue to serve as principal and also serve as the new president.

Salem Catholic Schools Foundation Mission Statement

The mission of the Salem Catholic Schools Foundation is to solicit, receive, and invest gifts to provide a continuing source of funds to support excellence of Catholic education

was chosen to sing at the Mass for two reasons: he cantors every week at the University of Portland's campus Mass on Sundays; and his knowledge about Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas -- Creagan did a report on the Justice his senior year at Blanchet Catholic School. To read more about Matthew and his future plan click [here](#).

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