



The Marianists

Billy Joe Lives!!

A Newsletter from North Catholic High School Campus Ministry and L.I.F.E.

Because North Catholic is a Marianist high school, we are called to carry out the mission and ministry of Blessed William Joseph Chaminade and his followers in our present time.

January 2010

Dates to Remember

- * Friday, January 15th- The Silver Ring Thing, Seton LaSalle High School 6:30- 9:00, doors open at 5:45.
- * Thursday, January 21st- Pro Life Movie day- "Bella" after finals in Mrs. Connolly's Room.
- * Friday, January 22nd- March for Life
- * Tuesday, January 26th- Rosary, Prayer Room, 7:45 am
- * Thursday, January 28th- Meeting for anyone interested in becoming a Cantor for Mass- during homeroom, in the prayer room.

Silver Ring Thing

A group of students file into a church, unsure what to expect. Suddenly, the room is full of smoke and strobe lights. A young man comes out onstage and encourages students to scream "SEX IS GREAT!!" "...within the context of marriage," he says, finishing the quote.

This is the Silver Ring Thing, which promotes teen abstinence before marriage. For \$20 you get a ring, a special version of the Bible, and a life lesson with a unique, rock-concert atmosphere.

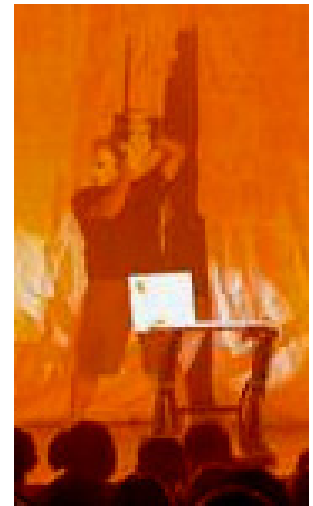
In this Catholic edition, the presenters will be emphasizing chastity, and the difference between chastity and abstinence. Chastity is a dedication to living a pure life, and respecting God's gift of

sexuality in many different ways. Abstinence is the act of abstaining from sex, even if you have already had it.

This is not a "virgins-only" show. A Silver Ring can offer you a second chance—a "fresh start". Our peers share their stories of loss and redemption. The entire show is organized and performed by college students, for high school students.

Even if you do not believe in the message, we still encourage you to come to the show. It may surprise you, and even if it doesn't you can still have a good time partying with your friends.

For more information, talk to Jenn Dulski or anyone on the Campus Ministry team.



What does Jason have to do with chastity? Find out at the show!

Living In Faith Experience

L.I.F.E. is a unique Marianist program at North Catholic. It was brought here from the University of Dayton.

The name L.I.F.E. stands for Living In Faith Experience, because that is what we are called to do both as Marianists and as Catholics—to live in a constant

state of faith.

It is, essentially, a prayer group. We meet several times a month to talk, play games, read Scripture and pray. Each meeting has a different topic—stress management, meditation, chastity, etc. We also try to have a

meeting for each of the five Marianist charisms per year, because it helps us to understand what our school of excellence is founded upon.

All students are welcome to come to any meeting. Please see Mr. Evans for details of upcoming events.

Pro Life Movie Day!

Come and watch the movie "Bella" in Mrs. Connolly's room on Thursday, January 21st, right after the finals that day. We will be also be making posters for our group to carry during the March for Life. Bring your own snack!

Calling all cantors!

There will be an informational meeting on Thursday, January 28th during homeroom in the prayer room for anyone who is interested in serving as a cantor for upcoming masses. You will never have to sing alone, and you will be able to start at a divisional mass if you would feel more comfortable. Please consider sharing your talent and attending this meeting!

March for Life

March for Life is an annual rally to protest the legality of abortion and for standing up for the rights of the unborn child. Every year since 1973 due to the Roe v. Wade decision, people who support pro-life have gathered to show that it is still a problem in today's society. In the past three years, the number of people at the gathering have accumulated to about 200,000 people.

3,500 babies are aborted each day in the U.S. alone. The physiological and psychological effects of abortion on the mother alone are devastating. This

is not even regarding the effect of a loss of life on the whole society.

The Catholic Church stands firmly against abortion. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person -- among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life" (CCC 2270).

The March for Life proves that even as high school students we can make a difference. Abortion is a reality that

affects people our age. Choosing to be pro-life is a bold statement to the rest of our generation.



Reflection

Respect is due to all of creation. The new year is a good time to evaluate how you have been respectful in your life so far and how you can change to make a difference. This month we are participating in two events that can help us to further our growth of respect for others.

If we do not respect ourselves, then we won't truly be able to respect

others or be respected by others. The Silver Ring Thing offers us a chance to learn about respecting our bodies. This idea is radically different compared to the messages about sex presented to teenagers in the media.

Unborn children are rarely respected in today's society. Our faith teaches us that life should be respected from conception to natural death.

The challenge this month is to take a step towards living a more respectful life. Try to have a respectful attitude towards your parents, your teachers and administrators, and your friends and siblings, yourselves and all of God's creation. A small change in attitude may go a long way.

Thank You!!!

The Campus Ministry team would like to thank all the students and faculty who participated in our events this past December. Your contributions made a huge difference!

Christmas on Campus was very successful. Several families from the North Hills Community Outreach came for our Christmas festivities. Thank you to everyone for your help, donations, and for helping to transform the

cafeteria into a winter wonderland.

We raised \$500 for Meals on Wheels at the benefit concert. Thank you to all of you who have brought in items for the concession stand. We would like to send a special thank you to Marina Rutherford and Jimmy Utz who came to help the night of the concert. All of your help was very much appreciated.

The Teddy Bear Drive went pretty well.

We collected 68 teddy bears that went to cheer up sick children.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in our service projects. We hope that you continue to open up your hearts and to participate in our upcoming events.

