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WE ARE THE EASTER PEOPLE

Easter is a time of renewal: a rededication to live our lives in Christ, and a recommitment at the Center for Catholic Education to live our lives in service to others.

In keeping our Catholic schools strong and rich in tradition, all of us are called to invest ourselves and our gifts in supporting the Catholic community and the Catholic faith.

In doing this, we witness the many blessings that

are bestowed on us and our children.

Our stories are not so different. Through the Center, Lalanne, the Office of the Marianist Educational Studies and Partnerships, and UCDRC, we continue on new pathways to fulfill our vision and mission for Catholic schools. Our staff is grateful for your continued support and interest in our service. *May the*



Lord bless you and keep you in his care.

GIVING BACK

Dr. Thomas C. Hunt, professor at the University of Dayton and fellow to the Center, carries himself with the poise of someone who is doing something that he loves. Having earned Bachelors degrees in both history and theology, a Masters in secondary education administration, and a Ph.D. in educational policy studies, Dr. Hunt's impressive career has spanned over fifty years of service in education. His philosophy is, "God gave us a mind. We should use it. There's no time limit."

Dr. Hunt worked at the high school level as both

teacher and principal, and spent twenty-five years at Virginia Tech as professor while participating on numerous boards and holding various chairs.

Having attended Catholic schools himself, Dr. Hunt believes in the strong connection between home and school. When the opportunity arose to take a position at UD, Dr. Hunt accepted it, wanting to give something back to Catholic education. And, indeed, he has.

Dr. Hunt recently co-authored the article "Don't Make Public Schools a State Church," identifying and

exploring the economical issues that arise when parents choose to send their students to a parochial school.

Not only has Dr. Hunt contributed extensive publications and research toward Catholic education, but he also remains actively involved with students and teachers. Dr. Hunt believes that teaching is a "breath of fresh air" and that his students are "a joy to teach." In his class, *The History of Catholic Schools*, Dr. Hunt and his students study the perception of history and how the values of Catholic education still resonate within our dynamic society.

LALANNE

Alumna awarded Governor's Award for Excellence in Youth Science Opportunities

Former Lalanne teacher, Ms. Chris Tetzlaff, was awarded the Governor's Award for Excellence in Youth Science Opportunities from The Ohio Academy of Science for her accomplishments during the 2006-2007 school year. This award recognizes teachers who stimulate student scientific research and extend science education opportunities beyond traditional classroom activities. Chris teaches

Chemistry, Honors Chemistry, and AP Chemistry at Chaminade-Julienne High School in Dayton, Ohio.

Chris works with students both in and out of the classroom. She is involved with the Chaminade-Julienne science fair, is an assistant volleyball coach, and serves as the senior class moderator. Chris did her Lalanne service at



Chris with her students in the classroom.

Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons High School in Schenectady, New York.

Alumna presented with Cleveland Cavs "Head of the Class" award

Erin Weise, a Lalanne teacher from 2005-2007, was recently selected to receive the Head of the Class award, which is presented by Developers Diversified Realty. The program recognizes teachers in Northeast Ohio for making a difference in their students' lives both in and out of the classroom.

The winners are chosen based on their outstanding contributions to education. Erin, who teaches and coaches at St. Thomas Aquinas School in Cleveland, Ohio, was

nominated by her school principal, Sr. Michelle Kelly.



Erin, her students, and the Cleveland Cavs players

Erin was paid a surprise visit by two Cleveland Cavs players, Sasha Pavlovic and Dwayne Jones, as well as several other members of the Cavs entourage during her middle school girls' basketball practice. She was also recognized at the Cavs game on December 11, 2007.

In addition to the school visit, the players gave the school 300 tickets to see the Cleveland Cavs versus the New Jersey Nets.

URBAN CHILD DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE CENTER

A Time of Need, A Gift in Season

UCDRC works to prevent the emotional problems that can afflict students of urban Catholic schools and to provide mental health treatment to these students. Recently, UCDRC has expanded its program to include a social work component.

The first step was to establish a new partnership in November 2007, with the Corpus Christi Chapter of the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Both campuses of Mary Queen of Peace Elementary School held a food drive and supplemented the

contributions of St. Vincent. UCDRC coordinated and organized the food, identified needy families, and helped distribute items to families needing food for the holidays.

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in making a donation
can contact
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St. Vincent also provided Kroger gift certificates for a ham and/or a turkey to each family.

With a Mary Queen of Peace combined campus poverty rate of almost 90%, many families require assistance and support in accessing basic needs; UCDRC is dedicated to providing the assistance and support these families need in order to alleviate the burden of doing without.

A family in danger of having its electricity cut off for nonpayment of a bill was

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OUR GRADUATE ASSISTANTS

Kaite Mahren is a first-year graduate assistant for the Center for Catholic Education; her many duties include creating the CCE seasonal newsletter. Before Kaite joined the staff at CCE, she lived and attended school in St. Charles, IL, a western suburb of Chicago. She attended Northern Illinois University and graduated with her Bachelors of Arts in English in May 2007.

Two days later, Kaite moved to the Dayton area and immediately began her course work for her Masters in Education and post Baccalaureate Initial Teacher Licensure at the University of Dayton. Kaite is looking forward to the prospect of having her own classroom next year.

In her spare time, Kaite enjoys ballroom dancing, running, reading, and scrapbooking. She recently bought a house, where she lives with her adorable puppy, Oreo.



Marcia Boisvert is a second-year graduate assistant in the Center for Catholic Education. Marcia has 22 years of experience in education and is certified to teach in Texas, Massachusetts, and Ohio. She looks forward to being a public school administrator next year.

In February, she earned her yellow belt in To-Shin Do. She volunteers at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Kettering, and enjoys reading, gardening, sewing, embroidery, calligraphy and solving crossword puzzles in her spare time.

A musical family, Marcia is a trumpet player and performs locally. Her son is a fourth grader and performs with the Kettering Children's Chorus, and her husband is the bassoonist with the United States Air Force Band of Flight at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The family also includes a cat and two rescued Bichons.



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(Gift, cont.) referred to St. Vincent, who paid the bill, keeping the family warm during the winter months. Another family of five was identified as living in a home with no appliances for six months. UCDRC secured a stove, microwave, dishwasher, washer and dryer, and delivered them to a shocked, speechless, and joyful mom and kids. The final new addition of the social work component was collecting money

from various benefactors and buying gift cards from local stores with the donated cash. These gift cards were given to families who could not afford to give their children Christmas gifts. One mom wrote UCDRC, saying that "your gift is a miracle to me."

UCDRC hopes to expand these types of services next year. Plans are already underway to intensify and enhance aid to our urban families.