



Spirit Echoings



Alumnae Enjoy All Class Reunion

A beautiful Eucharistic Liturgy celebrated in the Motherhouse of the Sisters of the Holy Spirit ushered in a day of lively celebration for graduates of Holy Ghost High School. The celebrant for the Mass was Rev. Scott Seethaler, OFM Cap. During the 60's and 70's, he had preached a number of high school retreats to the women who now returned to worship together. The enthusiasm which had colored his homilies and talks in the past, now, once again, reflected spiritual wisdom and helpful insights.

A dinner in the gym followed. It was accompanied by much perusing of photos, uniforms, and artifacts. Much time was also spent roaming of the halls of the former high school which is now the Martina Spiritual Renewal Center, a retreat center owned and operated by the Sisters. It was delightful to see the women recognize certain parts of the building as having been a particular classroom.

For photos of the event, please visit our website: www.sistersoftheholyspirit.com



Sister Madalyn with panelists.

Sister Madalyn: Speaker and Panelist

Sister Madalyn Chlebowski was a featured speaker and panelist in a two-day event at Chatham University in Pittsburgh. *Contemplative Practices to Help the Dying* was a program that enlisted representatives from different faith traditions who presented different perspectives regarding care for the dying.

This workshop was the second of a series, *Being with Dying*, of the Olmo Ling Bon Center & Institute. It was co-sponsored by Robert Morris University Department of Nursing, the C.G. Jung Institute of Pittsburgh, and the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work. Participants included nurses, social workers, psychologists, licensed professional counselors, and other caregivers who work in hospice, hospitals, long term care and who minister to dying individuals.

Sister Madalyn has ministered in the Pastoral Care Department of Marian Manor Nursing Home for the past twenty-five years. Her extensive background in spirituality lends itself to her kind and gentle disposition which is displayed in her interaction with the residents, her colleagues, staff and families of the residents, and with her Sisters in community.

When asked about the event, Sister Madalyn said, "Although each faith tradition has its own rituals around the dying process, each one values life and has some connection with someone or something greater than themselves. It was an enriching experience."

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Sister Participates in College Event

CCAC (Community College of Allegheny County) North Campus in Pittsburgh was the scene of an event designed to provide students with a better understanding of the great religions of the world.

Titled INTERFAITH FAIR, the day included representatives of Islam, Judaism, Christianity, Buddhism, and Native American Spirituality. Dr. Srujana Kanjula, Sociology Professor and Hindi herself, helped to organize the event and provided students with questions to ask so they could better understand the differences and similarities among each faith group.

Sister Donna Smith, SHS, represented Catholic Christianity. As Director of the Martina Spiritual Renewal Center, a retreat center owned and operated by the Sisters of the Holy Spirit, Sister Donna found herself very busy throughout the day. She remarked that many students were anxious to learn about the Catholic faith and about opportunities for one's spiritual life at the Martina Center. The rosaries and brochures Sister had brought with her quickly found happy recipients. She also directed them to the retreat center's website found at: www.sistersoftheholyspirit.com.

Nina Mule Lyons, Director of Student Life at CCAC's North Campus said, "This was an opportunity for students to ask questions and meet people from other cultures and beliefs. We hope it provided them with greater global understanding." Mrs. Lyons' Office of Student Life sponsored the event. She



Sister Donna with World Cultures Club students from left Jill Kauvaka, Tessa Curry, Brittany Caldwell.

said that the students involved in it are from the World Cultures Club. That club works to promote global good will and understanding. She said that they also do a huge international food festival in the Spring. An interesting aside: The Sisters of the Holy Spirit are proud to claim Nina as one of their graduates of Holy Ghost High School where she was well known for her acting and leadership abilities!

In reflecting on the day, Sister Donna had this to say, "The morning spent at the North campus of CCAC was a delightful experience. I love being around young people, and I love talking about my faith tradition. This event combined the two beautifully. I found the students to be respectful, gracious and genuinely curious if not completely interested in the subject of religion. I would welcome an opportunity to expand on that brief experience with a more in depth discussion about the various faith traditions. In short, it was fun!"

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