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Ash Wednesday Liturgy begins Regina Dominican's Lent

Reflective music and the traditional distribution of ashes were symbolic highlights February 9 as the Regina Dominican community began their observance of the somber season of Lent with a special all-school Ash Wednesday Liturgy, held in the auditorium.

In his homily, Father Matt Compton, the celebrant, challenged the students, faculty and staff to take on the three disciplines of Lent – fasting, prayer, and almsgiving – not for their own glory but for the glory of God. Father Compton, associate pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Wilmette, asked the assembly to recall times when they encountered show-offs, and to realize that they, as Christians, are called to be genuine. While the Christian's light should shine, the focus should be on the benefit of others and on God's glory – not their own.

The Liturgy included the traditional blessing and distribution of ashes, marking the Christian as one ready to begin the journey of Lent. Distributing the ashes along with Father Compton were seniors Jennifer Chaput, Rebecca Dieschbourg and Mary Georgevich; theology teacher Ms. Mary Kay Dougherty; and Mrs. Karen House, Director of Information Technology.

Members of the assembly served in other ways as well. Lectors were junior Merlyn Joseph and Mrs. Barbara Zapszalka, librarian. Sister Martinelle Bonnell, O.S.F., Ph.D., Academic Dean, read the general intercessions.

Junior Martha Cordeniz led the music, along with the volunteer choir: seniors Maria Anichini, Kathryn McEneely, Sharon Rigor and Kaitlyn Schaefer; juniors Victoria Brown, Margaret Golembiewski and Kaitlin Kovach; sophomores Meg Johnson, Meg Nally, Colleen Quirk, Megan Reisberg and Tracy Windlinger; and freshman Kim Schaefer.

Ushers were juniors Allison Moore and Sara Urbanski, and sophomores Elizabeth Kovach, Greta Kovach and Emily Sloan. Junior Marin Hoag and social studies teacher Mr. Thomas Nelson brought the gifts forward, and sophomores Mary Cooper and Ellen Nicolau, both of Glenview, were the sacristans.

Serving as Eucharistic Ministers were seniors Megan Anton and Annie Kelley; juniors Katie Bott, Samantha Link and Lauren Strzepek; sophomore Ellen Nicolau; Sister Martinelle Bonnell, O.S.F., Ph.D., Academic Dean; Sister Barbara Kelley, O.P., Communications; Ms. Kate Kinsella, English teacher and Student Council moderator; Sister Joan Krajewski, O.P., social studies teacher; and Sister Marion O'Connor, O.P., Social Studies Department Chair.

The liturgy was coordinated by Mr. Douglas Gleber and Sister Cindy Broderick, O.P., campus ministers.