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Deceased Regina alumnae remembered and celebrated

Some died before or shortly after high school graduation, while others died years later in distant parts of the country, but all of the approximately 150 deceased alumnae of Regina Dominican were remembered, honored and cherished. The occasion was the school's annual Deceased Alumnae Mass, held February 27 in Room 113, the school's small auditorium. Gathered were more than 100 faculty and staff members, family members, friends, and classmates, many of whom have attend this special Mass faithfully for years.

In his homily, the Most Reverend Francis J. Kane, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, encouraged the assembly to remember and pray for the deceased alumnae and their loved ones. While the Mass is a somber moment, Bishop Kane said, praying together as a community eases burdens and brings energy, vitality and hope.

Bishop Kane, former pastor of the neighboring St. Joseph Church in Wilmette, spoke of Lent as a time to put away false images, unburden ourselves of superficialities, and reflect on the meaning of our lives. He concluded on a hopeful note, speaking of the "happiness and joy of the eternal kingdom" that Regina Dominican's deceased alumnae now enjoy, and that their loved ones will ultimately share with them.

In a particularly touching moment, the roll call of deceased alumnae was proclaimed by Sister Marion O'Connor, O.P., Social Studies Chair, and Dr. Kathleen Burke, English teacher and member of the Class of 1964.

The Liturgy was organized by Mr. Douglas Gleber, campus minister, with the participation and help of family members and members of the Youth Ministry Council. Following the Liturgy, family members and friends gathered in the cafeteria for a continental breakfast and time to share memories of their loved ones.

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