



REGINA DOMINICAN

THE COLLEGE PREPARATORY CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR WOMEN

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29 students recognized for service to Church

At a time in history when much of the world's attention is focused on the top leadership in the Catholic Church – the pope – Vicariate II of the Archdiocese of Chicago took an evening to recognize leadership among high school students in the Church. During the March 6 Vicariate II Youth Leadership Awards Banquet, 29 Regina Dominican students were among about 300 youth honored for their service to the Church. Twenty-two juniors and seniors were recognized by Regina Dominican and eight students were recognized by their parishes. One student, senior Kaitlyn Schaefer, was honored by both Regina Dominican and her parish.

Regina Dominican honored juniors and seniors for their involvement in four areas:

Catechesis and Evangelization: senior Maria Anichini and juniors Emily Forester, Dayne Puhala, Karoline Roderer and Rita Trejo.

Community Service and Social Justice: seniors Jennifer Chaput, Rebecca Dieschbourg, Anne Kelley and Jeannine Strenk and junior Lauren Strzepek.

Peer Ministry: seniors Sarah Niersbach and Katie Nitsche.

Prayer and Worship: seniors Therese Barr, Hilary Boussein, Kalyna Durbak, Kathryn McEneely, and Kaitlyn Schaefer and juniors Victoria Brown, Martha Cordeniz, Margaret Golembiewski, Kaitlin Kovach, and Amanda Pantle.

Other Regina Dominican students were recognized by their parishes. Senior Carolyn Baker was honored by St. Francis Xavier Parish, Wilmette for her involvement in Peer Ministry. Immaculate Conception Parish on Talcott Avenue, Chicago, recognized freshman Annice Coughlan in the area of Prayer and Worship.

Four parishioners of St. Norbert Parish, Northbrook were honored: senior Kathleen McGann for Peer Ministry and senior Kristin Rosato and juniors Ann Romei and Nancy Zimmer for Catechesis and Evangelization. St. Paul of the Cross Parish in Park Ridge recognized two sisters – senior Kaitlyn Schaefer and freshman Kim Schaefer – for their work in Prayer and Worship.

In a letter included in the program, Most Reverend Francis Kane, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, thanked the parents and youth ministers who work with high school youth and recognized the contributions of the young parishioners. He thanked the youth for “witnessing to the presence of Christ among us. Your talent, your generosity, your enthusiasm gives us great hope for the future.”