



REGINA DOMINICAN

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21 students inducted into Spanish Honor Society

Twenty-one Regina Dominican students have proven that they're ready to take their place in a nation that claims ever more Spanish-speaking citizens and immigrants. The seniors, juniors and sophomores were inducted into Regina Dominican's Bartolomé de las Casas Chapter of the Sociedad Honora Hispanica (the National Spanish Honor Society) during a special ceremony March 22.

The new members of the Spanish Honor Society are: seniors Rebecca Dieschbourg and Mara Martinez; juniors Sara Berrafato, Julianne Durso, Elizabeth Fallucco, Emily Forester, Amy Garvey, Erin Guevarra, Caitlin Handler, Laura Kashian, Farhana Khan, Aura Labatete, Bridget Morrissey, Ofelia Olivas, Mary Ellen O'Reilly, Dominika Shenoo and Kristen Ufheil; and sophomores Garima Ajmani, Cara Doyle, Nell McGann and Christine O'Brien.

Sister Adrienne Piennette, O.P., President, gave the invocation. Mrs. Kathy Rzany, Principal, congratulated the inductees on their hard work and on their accomplishment in the Spanish language, encouraging them to continue their studies in college and beyond to contribute to a better understanding among people throughout the world. She further thanked the parents for their constant encouragement of their daughters in the study of Spanish.

Chapter officers, all seniors, took special officiating roles in the induction ceremony. President Kerry McGuire welcomed family members and friends. Vice President Jessica Dudar explained the purpose of the Spanish National Honor Society: to recognize high achievement by secondary school Spanish students and to promote a continued interest in Hispanic studies. Together with Treasurer Libby Nufer, Jessica read a moving poem in Spanish and English.

Katie Nitsche, Chapter Secretary, explained the origin of the Chapter name. The Chapter is named in honor of a great Dominican missionary and theologian, Bartolomé de las Casas (1484-1566). The first ordained priest in the New World, he spoke up courageously for the rights of the native people of the Americas in the face of their mistreatment and oppression by the Spanish settlers.

Founded in 1953 by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, the Sociedad Honora Hispanica boasts more than 1,300 chapters worldwide, including 100 in Illinois.