

St. Coletta News

St. Coletta Day School of Milwaukee—A Nonprofit Program Educating Boys and Girls with Cognitive Disabilities Age 8 to 17

SUMMER 2007

WORKS OF MERCY

St. Coletta Day School of Milwaukee Forms Partnership with St. Francis Capuchin Center

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide an academic curriculum designed to meet the special learning needs of each student that will help prepare the students to realize their full learning potential and to become productive and contributing citizens as adults.

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COLLETASCOPE 2007

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20
Village Church Arts
130 East Juneau Avenue
Downtown Milwaukee

Mark your calendar and tell all your friends. *ColettaScope*, our signature fundraiser, will be held on **Saturday, October 20, 2007**. This year our event will be held at **Village Church**, located one block west of Water Street. Watch your mail for your invitation in the fall of 2007. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer for this event or become a guest artist, please call Bill Koehn at (414) 453-1850.



➤ **PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF IT!**

In 1398, at age 17, Colette De Boilet was orphaned. Following in the footsteps of St. Francis, she distributed her inheritance to the poor and dedicated her life to God in prayer and works of mercy. St. Coletta was introduced to Wisconsin by the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi in 1904. Her legacy continues to be lived out in our community, more than six centuries later, through the charity and compassion of so many dedicated individuals.

One such initiative is the newly

formed Franciscan Institute Milwaukee at the St. Francis Capuchin Center. One of the program's partners is adults with special needs. In the spirit of St. Coletta and St. Francis, a new ministry, called Works of Mercy, is being formed. Adults with special needs will be engaged as true disciples, fully capable of sharing their time and skills with the poor.

Works of Mercy will begin work this year by assisting in "clothing the naked," a work of mercy mentioned in Matthew

25:36. In collaboration with CorpCare and the Capuchin Clothes Closet at the House of Peace, students and adults with special needs will sort and repair clothing destined for the poor.

This visionary program aims to provide a valuable occupational opportunity for students and adults with special needs. The program

offers these gifted people to experience the joy of discipleship and respond to the call to ministry in the church by helping others in need and witnessing

compassion and charity for others.

We look forward to continue to build relationships with partners such as St. Coletta Day School in bringing this exciting dream to reality.

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NEW STAFF AT ST. COLETTA DAY SCHOOL OF MILWAUKEE

The 2006-07 school year started out with some staff changes. Two new staff members were added to St. Coletta Day School. **Ashley Olson** is our new teaching assistant, and **Rachel Lustig** is our new part-time classroom aide. Both are very excited to be part of the St. Coletta family.

Ashley Olson has her Bachelor of Science degree in exceptional education and several years

of experience working with children and adults with disabilities.



Ashley Olson

Rachel has education credits toward an Education degree and



Rachel Lustig

lots of experience working with different groups of children. She also is a mom, whose children attend St. Sebastian School.

We welcome them both and all of the valuable experience they bring. They are a welcome addition to our school.

ST. SEBASTIAN'S EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS SHARE TIME AND TALENTS WITH ST. COLETTA STUDENTS

Sharing their time and talents with others is an important aspect of students' education at St. Sebastian School. Eighth grade students at St. Sebastian have been taking part in a program that shares their gifts with the students at St. Coletta Day School. Through the program, eighth grade St. Sebastian students serve as mentors to St. Coletta students and assist with a variety of tasks including daily class work and working with the students on the playground.

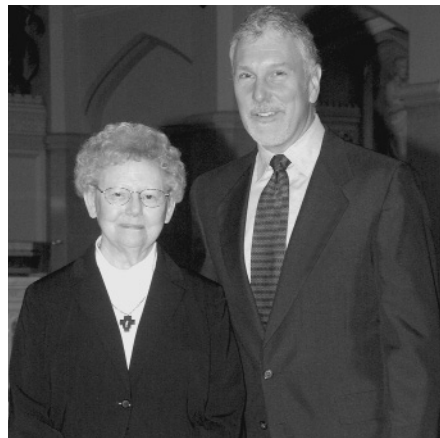
The eighth graders are able to model leadership skills and build awareness for students with special needs. The time together provides both St. Sebastian's and St. Coletta's

students the opportunity to learn from each another.

The eighth graders show genuine excitement for the program as well as share feelings of accomplishment by making a difference in the lives of other students.

St. Sebastian's eighth graders also will accompany students from St. Coletta during High Interest Day, an opportunity for students from both schools to learn about a variety of occupations and interests.

When the eighth graders who had participated in the program were asked about their experience with St. Coletta Day School and its students, here's what they had to say:



Former administrator Sr. Verna Kayser and current administrator Bill Koehn at St. Coletta Day School's 50th Anniversary Celebration.



Another successful **ColettaScope** for St. Coletta Day School, raising over \$10,000.

"It was a good experience for me and I learned things while helping out."

—Tommy Barrett

"It was a great feeling to see them smile when they did something right."

—Nick Neumann

"I learned that they are not very different from me; they watch the Disney Channel and like the same music as I do."

—Emma Warner

"My experience at St. Coletta is a warm feeling and all the kids make you feel good with nice compliments and laughs."

—Charlie Minard

"The students make me realize all the abilities that I should be grateful for."

—Faith Walker

"It was really fun to help the kids out. It sometimes got frustrating but I worked through it."

—Shannon Heeley

"It's been a great experience. I enjoy working with them."

—Christian O'Boyle

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ST. COLETTA KIDS GO TO THE HOUSE OF PEACE



*by Matthew Hanrahan, student attending
St. Coletta Day School of Milwaukee*

On Friday, February 16 we went to the House of Peace. We had fun taking a tour of the place. We took a tour of the food pantry, the clinic and the meeting room.

We received a book and wristband, a sucker and a pencil in a gift bag. And we had cookies and bananas for a snack, and Kool-Aid to drink.

We heard a talk about Black History month and Harriet Tubman who rescued people and made over 300 trips with

the Underground Railroad. Once, she made more than eight trips in one day.

Deputy Inspector Welch, an African-American woman who works with the Sheriff's department, considers Harriet Tubman to be a hero. She talked about her job and how Harriet Tubman paved the way for other African-American women.

I hope we can go back to the House of Peace.

CLASS-A MOTTO

Today is a new day.

Today *I will try* to get along
with everyone.

Today *I will try* to follow the rules.

Today *I will try* to do my best.



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*For Students with
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- Ages 8 to 17
- Full Academic Program

FALL 2007 ENROLLMENT

We are currently accepting applications for fall enrollment. Please have anyone you know who may be interested in learning more about the program contact administrator/teacher Bill Koehn at (414) 453-1850.