-upcoming segment. A PBS producer "They admired the fact that St. Gregory Dinner & Auction Conversations between the producer and HFM President Susan Work ensued. He was curious about why Holy Family School has grown 70% in three years whereas 1200 faith-based schools closed their doors between 2000 and 2006 and countless others struggle to survive. The problem is most prevalent in the nation's urban areas where neighborhoods have changed in recent decades and newer residents have difficulty affording private school tuition. However, suburban and rural areas have also seen many beloved faith-based schools fail.

The story evolved quickly. “They liked our collaborative approach,” stated Work. “They admired the fact that St. Gregory Episcopal School had successfully merged (PBS, continued on page 2)

Pastor Infelt To Retire Celebration of Ministry May 27th

Beloved pastor and longtime school director Rev. Dr. Charles Infelt has announced his retirement as of June 1, 2011.

Last year Pastor (as he is affectionately called) stepped back to a part-time role as senior pastor at Holy Family Lutheran Church, where he has served for 36 years. Pastor first came to Holy Family Lutheran Church as a college student in the summers of 1965 and 1966. The original pastor of Holy Family Lutheran Church, Rev. Fred Downing, hailed from Pastor’s hometown of Waverly, Iowa. Rev. Downing needed
into Holy Family School last year, and they were very curious about how we develop our diverse network of donors."

Within two weeks of the first conversation, a four-person team arrived at Holy Family to do the shoot. They chose to film on March 8th and 9th because they wanted to include an event hosted by Ray and Judy McCaskey on our behalf. The event’s purpose was to introduce potential new friends to Holy Family. The evening did not disappoint, with over 90 guests gathering at The Fortnightly, a stately and elegant Gold Coast mansion, to learn about HFM and meet some of our students. A highlight was 5th grader Jasmine’s rendition of the Justin Bieber hit, Pray, as well as a student speaker and a student reading her chapel reflection.

The remainder of the crew’s time at HFM was spent filming various aspects of the ministry that they find innovative. They interviewed a loyal non-Christian donor, Mike Berkowitz, about the reasons he is generous to a Christian school. They interviewed Dr. Marty about what he finds unique about Holy Family. They filmed religious activities at Holy Family School, including Ash Wednesday services, but also filmed HFM programs that do not include religious activities. For example, our Little Learners Academy is a subcontractor and community partner of Chicago Public Schools, funded by the State under its Pre-School For All initiative, the purpose of which is to ensure that at-risk children can access high-quality preschool education.

The production crew also sought a way to highlight Holy Family’s creative use of its new building. The facility is open at least 12 hours each weekday and also for weekend rental for community events. Holy Family earns rental income from baby showers, wedding receptions, birthday parties, Bible studies, church services, and even training sessions for census workers. “They asked for some footage or still photos of a wedding reception we had hosted,” said Work, “so that they could splice it into their film.”

Bob Abernethy, a former NBC foreign correspondent, founded Religion and Ethics Newsweekly upon his retirement in 1997.

The show has garnered many awards for its “thoughtful and insightful coverage of all religions, all denominations, and all expressions of spirituality in American life, as well as for balanced presentation of the profound moral issues facing this nation.”

“Being featured on PBS is a wonderful way to share our story in a bigger way, and certainly a great capstone to the innovations our school’s founder, Pastor Charles Infelt, implemented in the 80’s. But the best part of being featured on the show is that we might inspire some other schools to explore new ways of doing things. The old ‘one parish-one school’ model of Christian education is in some areas endangered. We must continue to seek new ways of operating these schools, which are often the gems of their neighborhoods, because the need and demand for them has not abated,” added Work.

The date of the Holy Family segment’s airing on Religion and Ethics is not known at the time of this writing. However, a Sunday in early April is a possibility. Everyone on Holy Family’s email list will be notified of the date and/or e-mailed a link to watch the segment on the web.

Are you on Holy Family’s email list?

If you would like to receive an email with the viewing times for the upcoming PBS program, please send your name and email address to:

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Thank you!

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someone to manage the Seward Park Little League baseball program and Pastor, a former high school ball player, came to help. It was during these summers that Pastor participated in weekly marches of the Chicago Civil Rights Movement. In the summer of 1966, he, the Holy Family congregation, and other Chicagoans joined in the now-famous march down State Street in Chicago with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., stopping at State and Madison to pray.

Years later, after graduating from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago and serving for several years as pastor at King of Kings Lutheran Church in Lake Orion, Michigan, Pastor Infelt was called to return to the Chicago area as pastor of Holy Family. In 1985 when Bethlehem Lutheran School closed, Pastor recognized the importance of a Christian school to the neighborhood and quickly opened Holy Family Lutheran School.

For many years Pastor also operated an active volunteer program in Cabrini Green. *Cabrini Alive* hosted thousands of volunteers, primarily youth groups, who cleaned up and re-painted vacant Cabrini apartments so that another family could move in. Also, Pastor opened an after-school program in the church that remains in operation today.

In June Pastor will fully retire. He and his wife Lou will relocate to Waverly, Iowa, which is his (and Susan Work's) hometown. Pastor and Lou are rehabbing a riverfront home which was formerly owned by his parents, Fred and Lucy Infelt. Twenty-eight years ago his parents bought the home and rehabbed it as their own retirement home, drawn by the lovely views of the meandering Cedar River.

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Holy Family Angels Storm the Courts at State Tournament

For the first time in the history of the program, the 7th and 8th grade Holy Family Angels boys basketball team competed in the Illinois Lutheran Sports Association State Basketball Tournament. Based on finishing the regular season 20-1, the team was invited to play in the 16 team tournament, which included schools from Champaign, Peoria and Rockford.

The team came a long way from the beginning of the season, as Basketball Coach Jamie Lambert faced the task of incorporating the new students from St. Gregory, who added to the talent and depth of the squad. Though there were 17 members on the team, each hoping to find some playing time, the club eventually gelled around a solid nucleus that used its height, quickness, and shooting to knock out its opponents throughout the season.

The excitement level at the school for its winning team reached full crescendo during a pep rally following chapel on Wednesday before they headed to State. As Coach Lambert called each player to the front, the student body stood and cheered, vocally urging their players to do their best.

Though they went with high hopes of plowing through the competition, the talent level at State was very high. During the first game against St. Peter’s, Schaumburg, the Angels jumped out to an early lead and held on in a tight finish to win by five, 44-39. They got a tough draw in their second game, and lost to the eventual tournament champions from Rockford, 62-32. Despite losing their final two games, they played hard and took 8th. It was a great experience for the boys, and showcased their talent for several area high school coaches in attendance. Though each of the starters is graduating, the Angels look forward to another exciting season next year.

(Partners, continued from page 4 )

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Brett Bravo and Becky Duggan arrived at Holy Family School last Fall fresh out of college and unsure what to expect from an environment drastically different from anything they had ever experienced. Along with 6 other recent college graduates, they had been accepted to participate in the inaugural Julian Year fellowship, a community-based service program initiated by Episcopal Charities and Community Services of the Diocese of Chicago. The post-graduate interns came from across the United States to live together for a year in a house in Rogers Park and volunteer full-time at various Episcopal charities and ministry partners throughout the city.

A graduate of the University of Illinois with a degree in English, Brett has sensed for a while that he was being called to ordained ministry, but wanted to have the opportunity to gain some work experience and spend some time further discerning his path. He has loved working at Holy Family, where he assists in the classroom and supervises the lunchroom, among other things. “I am pleased to be a small part of the Holy Family community, where the great administration and teachers work together to provide a solid educational foundation for the children. It’s energizing to learn something new every day, and highly rewarding to work with children.” He has found that his interaction with diverse groups of people, whether they be students, teachers or parents, and helping them meet the daily challenges of their life experiences, has reconfirmed his desire to pursue ordained ministry as his life’s calling.

Becky graduated last Spring from the University of North Carolina with a Major in History and dual minors in Music and Native American Studies. Becky grew up in a small town in rural North Carolina and has found it exhilarating to live and work in a city as diverse as Chicago. “Everyday is fun, because it is so different from what I experienced growing up. I love the kids, even though they sometimes drive me crazy!” She works in the front office, handling a myriad of administrative tasks and filling in where needed. The year has also given her the opportunity to test out many different roles as she seeks to discern what lies ahead. Becky is so engaged with her work at HFS, that she is exploring the possibility of staying another year.

Both students love living in community, as it has offered them the opportunity to explore and reflect on their experiences with others who share similar challenges in their daily work. Becky and Brett agree that it has given them a special bond to be able to work together at the same placement. On their days off, the community members enjoy forays into the city together, enjoying cultural attractions but also engaging with the city on a deeper level by attending mayoral forums and visiting public schools.
The Communities and Families Served by Holy Family

Seventy-eight percent (78%) of Holy Family students live in a single-parent household. Approximately 7% of our students reside on the South Side, and 6% live in the suburbs, with the majority of students (87%) residing in the communities of Austin, East and West Garfield Park, North Lawndale, and West Humboldt Park.

Overall crime occurs in these neighborhoods more than twice as often as in Chicago city-wide, drug abuse is almost five times more prevalent, and homicide is occurring more than three times more often. The high dropout rate, unemployment rate and other conditions threaten the stability and success of the families residing in the area.

And yet, even with these challenges, parents of Holy Family students are highly involved in their children’s education, attending parent conferences and school activities, and supporting their children’s quest for excellence. Families stretch to meet their tuition-share (averaging $1800 annually) because their dreams of a school with unflinchingly high standards, a small class size, a safe and structured environment, caring and enthusiastic teachers, and a values-rich and rigorous curriculum are realized at Holy Family School.

Here’s what our parents tell us:

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Called to Common Mission 10th Anniversary Celebration

Please plan to attend the commemoration of this historic agreement between the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Episcopal Church that called us to a deeper understanding of what it means to be Christ’s body for the world. The recent partnership between Holy Family Lutheran School and St. Gregory Episcopal School is one visible expression of our common identity and shared witness in the name of Jesus. Both communities can celebrate God working through this partnership for the welfare and education of the students at Holy Family School.

Bishop Wayne Miller of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will preach and Bishop Jeffrey Lee of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago will preside at the order of Divine Service of Holy Communion. A time of refreshment and fellowship will be provided following the service.

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