

## Our Lady of the Hills Regional Catholic High School to begin new construction this summer

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**KERRVILLE** • Thanks to the generosity of the Floyd A. and Kathleen C. Cailloux Foundation, Our Lady of the Hills Regional Catholic High School (OLH) will break ground this summer on permanent school facilities. The completed project will consist of 52,000 square feet of academic, gathering and athletic space to serve 225 students. The facility will have a chapel, eight classrooms, two science labs, science prep space, a computer lab, resource center, career center, an art room, a music room, a gymnasium and an open-air courtyard. The project is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2009.

In addition to assistance with start up funds, so that construction can begin immediately, The Cailloux Foundation also awarded the school a four million dollar challenge grant toward construction. OLH will

have a period of four years to raise that amount in order to receive a matching amount of four million dollars from the Foundation. "We are so grateful to The Cailloux Foundation for this gift, and their continued belief in our mission," said Jimmy Reno, President of OLH's Board of Directors. "We are confident that we can raise the funds needed and are so pleased that we can begin construction this summer," Reno added.

In 2007, OLH received a one million dollar gift from Beverly Pevehouse and David and Missy Hoelscher toward the project. "It was this initial gift that got the process started," Reno stated. "Additionally, we have received other gifts and pledges of approximately \$500,000 toward the project," he added.

Our Lady of the Hills has secured the services of PBK Architects and Huser Construction for the project. Work is underway completing construction documents so that ground can be

broken this summer.

OLH opened its doors in 2002 to 19 students, and has grown to more than 90 students. Enrollment for the 2008-2009 year is expected to exceed 100 students. The school continues to excel both academically and athletically and new students arrive daily from Bandera, Boerne, Center Point, Fredericksburg, Harper, Hunt, Ingram and Kerrville. Since 2005, OLH has graduated 38 seniors. These graduates have collectively accumulated a total of \$857,000 in scholarships for higher education. To date, graduates of the school have had a 100 percent acceptance rate to the post secondary school or institution of their choice.

According to OLH Principal, Barry Neuberger, "we know that a building isn't the school; it's the students that make the school, but having a permanent facility will solidify our commitment to the Hill Country in providing an outstanding program for years to come."

**ST. HEDWIG • ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** • One of the topics that Catholics are concerned about is continued vocations to the priesthood and religious life. In our parish we have a Vocation Awareness Committee. The third Sunday of the month is a designated time when we join together at all Masses to pray for vocations using a prayer selected by the committee. The committee recently reminded us that fostering a love and respect of the Divine in our homes and parish encourages candidates to say "yes" to God's will. The family has an important duty of developing the faith in its members.

The second graders have been preparing to receive the sacrament of holy Communion through their teachers, **Deanna Sanchez, Peggy Padalecki, Raelyn Rappmund and Mary Winkler**. First Communion Mass was held May 4. The students were an important part of the Mass as they assisted in many of the liturgical ministries. At the end of Mass, they were presented with a ribbon on which Divine Mercy Cenacle members



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Father Bill Zadora, SDS, pastor at Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, joins the court that crowned the Blessed Mother on Mother's Day last month. The court was selected from the first Communion and confirmation classes.

had embroidered a picture of the host and chalice as a remembrance of their first Communion. A pin depicting the picture of Divine Mercy was attached to the top of the ribbon as a reminder of God's mercy.

May Crowning of the Blessed Mother took place on May 11, which was also Mother's Day. Our "Court of Mary" students represented the confirmation and the first Communion classes. The queens were **Allison Moore** and **Kelly Fanick**. Their escorts were **Benjamin Stanush** and **Andrew Stanush**. The princesses were **Meg Kosub** and **Allissa Zigmund**. Their escorts were

**Justin Lukasik** and **Stephen Thomas**. The May Crowning is a highly valued treasure of our spiritual life.

The grotto area landscaping was given a new look for May, the Blessed Mother's month, by an army of "Marians." The Rosary Society donated the funds to purchase the beautiful flowers planted in the area. The "Marians," namely **Mark Fanick, Louise Kosub, Margaret Haecker, Eleanor Kotzur, Carolyn Mihalski, Betty Jiral** and **Arthur Rakowitz**, did a beautiful job. We are blessed to have such dedicated parishioners.

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These couples attended the first archdiocesan 'Beyond Cana' marriage enrichment retreat in Boerne in February. Register now for the Aug. 8-10 retreat.

## Get away and make time for your marriage this summer

**BOERNE** • "I do not know what I was expecting when I signed us up for the retreat. I considered our marriage to be a good, strong, happy marriage. One can always improve 'a good thing.' 'Beyond Cana' does just that. It provides a couple the tools to strengthen their marriage." This quote comes from a husband who attended the "Beyond Cana" marriage enrichment retreat held this past February.

The retreat will be offered again Aug. 8-10, for couples in the Archdiocese of San Antonio. Beginning Friday morning and ending Sunday around noon, the retreat is held in Boerne using the facilities of the Holiday Inn Express and the St. Scholastica Monastery Chapel.

"Beyond Cana" gives the couple time alone together to talk over the issues of their marriage in an organized, easy-to-follow format. It contains spiritual and sacramental elements and presents a practical communications tool that is used throughout the weekend and can be used throughout the rest of the couple's married life.

The retreat is conducted by lay people with involvement by a priest at certain times during the weekend. It is enrichment, not encounter. It is directed toward marriages of all ages: newlyweds, family-starters, empty nesters and beyond, blended families, the sandwich generation and baby boomers. No marriage is left untouched by issues.

What Beyond Cana does is

help couples develop a lifelong skill that can and should be used time and time again to work through the issues that develop in each and every marriage. By putting Christ at the center of the marriage and realizing it is a covenant, not a contract, the weekend helps couples identify those issues,

disarm the emotion that often accompanies them and formulate a plan to work through them.

Another couple who attended said, "The 'Beyond Cana' retreat was a special time for us ...

truly a stepping stone when we are headed down a rocky path. I know God is the 'ultimate' in the relationship, but he uses you and this ministry as his tools."

With the marriage rate declining and the divorce rate high, couples committed to the vocation of marriage need special help and support in our too-fast paced society. Treat your spouse and yourself with some much needed time alone together without interruptions and distractions. Beyond Cana will provide you with just that.

One of the developers of Beyond Cana remembers, "Sometime during the formation of Beyond Cana, we turned to the Song of Songs and came to the verse that says, 'I have found the one whom my soul loves.' Finding that person in your partner and renewing your covenant is indeed an enriching experience. Come, join us."

For more information about the retreat or registration, contact Ken and Pixie Koch at (210) 493-2996 or e-mail them at [kenpixie@satx.rr.com](mailto:kenpixie@satx.rr.com).

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