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Msgr. John Enzler

## Father John named a 2012 Washingtonian of the Year

Catholic Charities President and CEO Msgr. John Enzler has been named a Washingtonian of the Year for 2012 by Washingtonian Magazine. Msgr. Enzler is being recognized for his more than 40 years of experience as a priest, leader and advocate serving the needs of the most vulnerable in our community, and more specifically, for his work in starting many ministries where the need was unmet.

Msgr. Enzler took over as President and CEO of Catholic Charities in July 2011 and has placed special emphasis on engaging the community, growing the volunteer base and strengthening Catholic Charities infrastructure, stressing its good works in serving our neighbors in need and that we serve everyone, not just Catholics serving Catholics. Under his leadership, Catholic Charities has seen significant increases in fundraising from a wide range of sources, as well as greater community visibility.

"We're just getting started in how much good the community and Catholic Charities can accomplish together," said Msgr. Enzler. "As a DC native, this is a great honor. And it reflects all the staff, volunteers and especially clients at Catholic Charities who bring the courage and hard work to make miracles happen."

Monsignor Enzler was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Washington in 1973 and was named Monsignor by Pope John Paul II in 1985. In his priestly ministry, he has served at a number of parishes throughout the Archdiocese, including St. Jane de Chantal, Church of the Little Flower in Bethesda, and St. Bartholomew, and as pastor of three parishes, Mt. Calvary in Forestville, Our Lady of Mercy in Potomac and most recently at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Washington, DC.

Msgr. Enzler isn't Catholic Charities first honoree. In 2007, Luis "Lucho" Vasquez was named a Washingtonian of the Year for his work in starting several programs for the homeless. Today he serves as the Division Director for Housing and Support Services for Catholic Charities. **OPT**



### St. Jude Represented at the 2012 March for Life

St. Jude families represented the parish and school at the 2012 March for Life and have plans to attend this year. Pictured along with Jennifer Kilmer and her family are other Shrine of St. Jude parish families who attended the 2012 March for Life, including the Kuzmas, Marcolins, Mejias, Moynihans, and Wasels.

## Catholic Schools, Catholic Leadership

By Chuck Short



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A blessed and happy new year to each of you! I wish you success with your resolutions for 2013 as they enhance your lives and the lives of others. January is a busy month. A new school semester; the March for Life; Catholic

Schools Week; a Presidential Inauguration; Redskins in the playoffs. It seems unlikely there could be a connection between the March for Life and the Inauguration, but consider this. President Obama has called upon Americans to celebrate his inauguration by doing community service. A good idea. How about answering the call by committing to participate in an activity during January that

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## Messiah Concert Draws Largest Crowd Ever at St. Bartholomew

On Saturday, December 8, St. Bartholomew's parish presented Handel's Messiah to benefit Mount Carmel House, a supportive housing program for homeless women. The concert, which is a popular annual event at St. Bart's, was conducted by Carole Wysocki, and featured several notable performers and the St. Bart's choir, as well as members of the Poolesville Presbyterian choir. Soloists included Jeanne Hisle, Julia Constable-Allen, Carol Rollie Burans, H. Vincent Kelly, John Martino, and Daniel Villar.

Cecilia Motha and her dedicated helpers hosted a sumptuous reception following the concert. Fr. Joseph Sileo, Pastor of St. Bart's, told OPT, "We were glad to be able to help the women of Mt. Carmel House in this way; women who are trying to put their lives back together. We raised over \$3,000 that will be put to good use by Mt. Carmel House." **OPT**



Carole Wysocki conducts the St. Bart's Annual Messiah Concert.

## Georgetown Visitation Announces Selection of New Principal

Ms. Mary Kate Blaine, a teacher and administrator with extensive experience in Catholic education, has been selected as Georgetown Visitation's Principal, and will assume her duties at the 212 year-old Catholic girls' high school July 1, 2013. Ms. Blaine will be responsible for day-to-day school operations. Daniel M. Kerns, Jr., who will remain Head of School, notes, "We are very fortunate to have Ms. Blaine as our new principal. I look forward to working with her as my role transitions to one more fully engaged with long-range strategic needs and planning."

Ms. Blaine, currently Chief of Staff for the Superintendent of Schools of the Archdiocese of New York, brings enthusiasm, commit-



Mary Kate Blaine

ment, and extensive experience in all-girls Catholic education to her new position. Before accepting her current job with the Archdiocese of New York, she was a history teacher, Department Chair, and Director of Curriculum Development at Notre Dame School, an all-girls Catholic high school in Manhattan where she guided faculty through a curriculum map redesign.

A Summa Cum Laude graduate of Fordham University, Ms. Blaine discovered her desire to teach by volunteering at a Catholic school in the Bronx, and after graduating, served as a Community Outreach Coordinator, recruiting and supervising Fordham undergraduates enrolled in a new service learning initia-

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