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In its written report, the committee commended the school and parish for “working together to make the school a loving, caring and learning environment. We pray that the good work that you have done and the plans that you have made for the future will help you become an even better school.” Among other things, the panel added: “We experienced a community where everyone is striving to provide a Catholic environment where quality education is a priority.”

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Pastor Fr. Kenneth Haydock also was lauded by Muzzy for his leadership in the parish, support of the school and for hosting meals for the committee. “The pastor was really helpful,” Muzzy said.

Fifteen areas were reviewed. Twelve were rated “highly effective”. Three received “effective” grades, Sue said.

The principal is happy that a student survey revealed that children “feel safe at Holy Rosary and have fun learning. They feel successful, which leads to positive academic and social outcomes.”

The report also sets out several goals for the future, including methods of strengthening areas of individual student performance, assessing performance and determining what new technologies could be used in the classroom.

“I feel very good about (the assessment), and it is a good representation of the hard work and dedication of our entire staff,” Venable said. The review “shows our school provides all the necessary elements to receive an excellent Catholic education.”



From the Multicultural Celebration:

The Feast (top) and community hula (photos by Maria de los Reyes)

From the Vacation Bible School:

Spirit-filled pennant wavers (photo by Carlos Ordonea)
Mary instructs Holy Spirit Dove (photo by John Russell)

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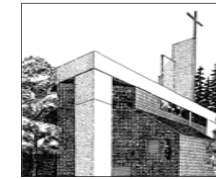
OUR MISSION

Led by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist, Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Parish strives to be a welcoming servant community.

We celebrate the goodness of God’s unconditional love through worship, education and service.

*The Pastoral Council
October 17, 2007*

Save the Date!
4th Annual School Golf Outing!
September 28



GIFTS & BLESSINGS

School Accreditation: “Highly Effective!” By Jim Haley

The phrase “highly effective” means a lot more nowadays to Holy Rosary principal Sue Venable than it ever did before.

It’s the overall grade – and the top grade at that – received by the school in a many-month process to secure accreditation from the Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA). The grade means that accreditation will not have to be sought for another six years.



“It’s a real accomplishment when they renew you for six years,” Sue said. The process was a “good opportunity to reflect on our goals and determine what we can improve upon.” Sue feels that the high grade reveals the quality of the school both from an academic perspective and for preparing young people to be good Catholics.

Each member of the Holy Rosary staff participated in preparing the 190-page “self-study” evaluation of the school program. In April a six-member visiting committee from the WCEA came to Holy Rosary for three days to inspect the program and make its recommendations.

The WCEA is a private educational accrediting agency established under the auspices of the California bishops. Its mission is to promote quality Catholic education in elementary and secondary schools through an accrediting process that assures “primacy of faith formation and educational excellence” according to its website.

Committee members came from as far away as California.

“What a fabulous parish and school you have. Congratulations!” said Catherine Muzzy, of St. Edward the Confessor Parish School in Orange County, the committee chairperson.

In a telephone interview, she said she has been doing evaluations in Western Washington for the last four years, and she passed on the highest endorsement of Holy Rosary that she has ever given.



For one thing, Muzzy credited Sue and the staff for implementing a new math program well, while many other schools have had more difficulty in doing so. She also acknowledged the principal’s leadership, saying Sue is competent and vibrant. “She knows her stuff,” Muzzy said.

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Parishioner Profile: Sonny Tremoulet

by Jim Haley

It seems as though someone just has to suggest to Sonny Tremoulet that one woodworking project or another ought to be done.

He'd likely say to himself: "I could do that." And if the mood strikes him, and his interest is peaked, he will.

Maybe it's the trophy cases at Holy Rosary School, an altar on one side of the church, the benches at the church grotto or the kitchen cabinets used by his wife, Jean, at home. Then there are the children's benches and tables that he made for the school auction.

His woodworking talents are well known, but Tremoulet is a man of many talents and interests.

Parish music director Susan Olmos recalls one time a couple of years ago when she was in a spot. She was having sixth graders perform a Tahitian fire-stick dance and her props just were not working right. She went to Sonny.

"He's got an amazing talent. I call him a Renaissance man." - Susan Olmos

"In a short time, he had them all rigged up," she said, "They were perfect. To me, he's the go-to person to solve any mechanical problem."

Maybe that's because Sonny is a mechanical engineer who, at age 75, still works part time from home for a company that manufactures water and abrasive cutting jets. He said he will continue working "as long as I can. I love it. They pay me for having fun."

He grew up in New Orleans and attended Loyola University studying math and physics. When he decided that it would be tough to get a good job as a physicist, he switched to engineering at Louisiana State University. He went to work for Boeing in New Orleans and later transferred to the Seattle area. He said his physics background was "the best start" for his engineering career.

You see, woodworking, puttering and building are just hobbies



Sonny Tremoulet at home in his shop. Photo by John Russell

for Sonny, who added 2500 square feet of living space to his Edmonds home that originally was a log cabin.

"If I wasn't doing anything else, I'd be doing woodworking because I love it," he says.

He collects and makes ukuleles, shows off a canoe he made from strips of wood that he cut and glued together, invites guests to sit in a chair he made from scratch and loves to demonstrate the cellarette – traditionally a kind of liquor storage cabinet -- he concocted at the behest of a beloved uncle.

The cellarette he made of wood with beveled glass appears enclosed, but a table inside pops up with the pull of a lever and the help of a spring-loaded mechanism he devised. The top flattens out to make a serving space. His woodworking, mechanical skills and maybe the physics came into play here.

He reads, becomes interested in a project, learns how others do it and jumps right in. "It takes the interest. If you don't have interest in something nothing gels," he said.

Take his interest in astronomy. He could go out and buy a telescope, but why bother when you can make one? Besides woodworking equipment, his shop is geared to grind and polish mirrors with curved surfaces for reflecting telescopes. He has even made testing equipment to check on the accuracy of the curved mirrors.

It turns out that music director Olmos also is interested in astronomy. Sonny walked up to her one day and said he was getting rid of a telescope in his garage and offered it to her. She plans to take him up on the offer soon, invite him over for a "star party" and learn how the complicated piece of equipment is supposed to be set up.

"He's got an amazing talent," she said. "I call him a Renaissance man."



Sonny engineered the mechanism that made the lower circles spin at last spring's school concert.

The Bread Runners: a Jim Murphy Legacy

by Jim Haley

The righteous will say, "Lord, when did we see you hungry?" ...And the king will say to them in reply, "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me".

from The Gospel of Matthew 25:31-46

The spirit of longtime Holy Rosary parishioner and philanthropist Jim Murphy lives on long after his passing a few years ago.

It started when Jim struck up a conversation with the manager of the downtown Edmonds Starbucks shop about 10 years ago. It seemed as though the shop had pastries aplenty that went to the pull date and were simply thrown out. Why not put those goodies to good use, he reckoned. He started collecting and delivering the pastries to Lazarus Day Center in Seattle, a gathering and eating spot for homeless folks. What he started continues.

His effort blossomed into a regular collection and distribution system that informally is known as Jim Murphy's Bread Runners. The work has expanded to several bread, grocery and bakery stores that supply everything from doughnuts and bread to cakes, meat and produce.

Today the Bread Runners supply the goods to the Lazarus Center, the St. Francis House (a day shelter in Seattle) and the

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Interfaith Family Shelter in Everett.

Tom Murphy makes a regular schedule for pickups at different times and days at both Edmonds Starbucks,

Panera Bread at the Alderwood Mall, the Edmonds Bakery, the QFC store at Westgate and a bread outlet store targeted by Sr. Rachel Kiefer. The same schedule denotes delivery days and times to the various shelters. "We all take turns," picking up the food and delivering it, said Hubie McMorrow, a retired pharmaceutical executive.

Twelve Holy Rosary parishioners are involved in the process. Besides Hubie and Sr. Rachel, current scheduled runners include Dick Horgan, Joe Thibodeau, Skip Thomson, Tom Murphy, Paul LeBrun, Pat Grennan, Dan Thulin, and Kurt Johnson. In addition a couple of runners have standing commitments. Madeline Lavery continues the original Starbucks pickup and delivers to St. Francis House. Thea De Francesco picks up from Panera Bakery at 10 p.m. and brings their bread to the Pastoral Center that night for morning delivery.

In addition the runners and others donate money to buy turkeys and hams for the Lazarus Day Center on special holi-

days and pitch in to supply a complete lunch once a month, an effort headed by Joe, a retired Snohomish County Superior Court judge. "He has twelve people and he calls them the twelve Apostles," Hubie said.



A sample of bread runners, from left: Kurt Johnson, Patrick Grennan, Dan Thulin, Dick Horgan, Hubie McMorrow, Joe Thibodeau. photo by John Russell

On occasion, the same group has been known to pitch in when the Lazarus Center needed a television, a microwave or some similar appliance. The items supplied by the Bread Runners are "hugely beneficial" to Lazarus Center, which serves about 350 people daily, Helen Jolly said.

The Lazarus Center is managed by the St. Martin's Program. St. Martin's has three centers that serve the elderly, disabled and homeless in downtown Seattle. Several Holy Rosary parish members sit on the St. Martin's board, including Helen, Howard Stott and Harold Hopper.

Helen became involved with St. Martin's at the behest of Jim Murphy, who was on the original board and an inspiration for the Lazarus Center's foundation. Hubie also is deeply involved in the Runners' efforts "because Jim Murphy was the inspiration behind this," he said. It's a way of living the Gospel. And there is an occasional practical side.

At times, Hubie will take his grandkids to Lazarus Center just "to show them there is another side of life and how important it is to make the right decisions."

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