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Catholic High is “brimming” with water appreciation this Catholic Schools Week

Baltimore, MD – The Catholic High School of Baltimore chose ‘Waters Brimming with Life’ as the theme for their Catholic Schools Week 2007 celebration, held January 29 through February 2. Students and teachers thoroughly examined the function and symbolism of water in daily life. Students researched in their history classes the role water plays in countries, like in Africa where water is scarce and women are solely responsible for providing it. Some studied the Chesapeake Bay and discovered how it is connected to and important to not only Maryland but surrounding states.

In culmination of these classroom projects, the entire school gathered on Wednesday, January 31 for a presentation by Neal Deles from Catholic Relief Services; he discussed Water for Life projects in Africa and Brazil and talked about the moral and ethical dimensions of water scarcity and the Church’s call for us to be good stewards of the earth. Heather Tuckfield from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation also spoke with the students that day and explained what a watershed is and how the bay affects our daily lives.

Students and teachers participated in many other activities throughout the week that incorporated the importance of water, including a school-wide prayer service, daily prayer in a foreign language, daily math problems, and a bottled water collection for a shelter. Sophomore religion classes created stained-glass windows incorporating water symbolism from the Gospels. Student projects are currently on display around the school, showcasing their knowledge and appreciation of water as a powerful source of life and meaning.

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