



One Warm Coat Drive
St. Rita's School, San Diego

St. Rita's is proud to recognize two students that went above and beyond this winter! The students set up a "One Warm Coat" drive. To promote the appeal, the students made announcements and created flyers for the school community to collect blankets and coats for local people in need. These two outstanding citizens collected 250 items that were donated to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to be distributed to local brothers and sisters that would otherwise be without a warm coat this season.



Advent Celebrations
at St. Michael Academy
St. Michael Academy, San Diego

Advent is a busy time, especially at St. Michael Academy. The Advent season began with a Breakfast with Santa for the parish community. Next came the Annual Advent Craft Night where special Advent work of art is created. Participants decorated wooden cookies for the parish Christmas tree and for SMA families. Finally, the Annual Advent Candlelight Service beginning with the Liturgy of the Word and ending with each grade singing an Advent song.

St. Irenaeus 4th Graders Spread Christmas Cheer!
St. Irenaeus Parish School, Cypress

Fourth grade students at St. Irenaeus have been very busy this month. On December 4th, the children performed at the annual "Cypress Sing" event at the Cypress Civic Center. A few days later, they performed at the Cypress Senior Center Christmas Party. The students, decked out in Christmas gear, were a crowd pleaser for the seniors.



Choir Performance at the Regina Residence
Holy Family Cathedral School, Orange

Sisters of the Regina Residence were treated to a holiday concert by students from Holy Family Cathedral School. The performers consisted of 2 groups, *The Gabriel Singers* and *The Cathedral Choristers*, ranging from 3rd through 8th grade. The children performed several songs: "Lord of the Stars", "When Christmas Comes to Town", "Whatcha Gonna Call that Baby?", "Silent Night", "Emmanuel" and "Joy to the World".

Following the performance, students were introduced to the history of the Sisters by visiting the Heritage Room. Network Director, Bret Allen, explained how the journey and mission of the Congregation continues today through the ministries sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange.

