

# **Funds awarded to support confirmation retreats**

The Monsignor O'Dwyer Retreat House, Sparks, was awarded \$7,500 from the Koch Foundation in Florida to support 60 confirmation retreats for parish religious education programs. In turn, the retreat house awarded 20 retreats (an overnight stay and two meals) each to three parishes demonstrating a financial need: Our Lady of Hope, Dundalk; St. Bernardine, Baltimore; and St. Thomas Aquinas, Hampden, who are making a difference in the lives of young people, according to retreat house director Father Martin S. Nocchi. "I couldn't be more pleased that we are supported by The Koch Foundation," he said, "and have the ability to continue our mission of providing quality retreats rooted in the Catholic tradition while serving the most underserved populations in our area."