## Mount St. Joseph receives special education grant

Mount St. Joseph High School in Irvington was one of four Maryland schools to receive \$84,000 in grants from the Kensington-based Catholic Coalition for Special Education, Inc.

A signing ceremony was held Sept. 29 at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Washington, D.C., to celebrate the school funding.

"CCSE is poised for growth," said Francesca Pellegrino, CCSE President and Founder. "Our funding priorities continue to focus on schools initiating or expanding special education instruction for students with developmental disabilities and our generous donors have helped us reach even more students and their families."

Brother James Kelly, C.F.X., president of Mount Saint Joseph, accepted a challenge grant for the St. Giles "Come, sit by me" program to expand the school's services to young men with developmental disabilities. Kate Stearns, special programs director and Emily Rollins, director of development, also represented the school.

Other grants were awarded to St. Mary of the Mills School in Laurel, St. John the Evangelist School in Silver Spring and Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in Olney.

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