

St. Philip Neri School in Linthicum Opens New Observatory; Enriches Science Program With Astrophotography

St. Philip Neri School in Linthicum will dedicate its new observatory on Monday, May 20, 2013 at 1:00 PM. The Philip Deines-Jones Memorial Observatory is a gift of Courtney Deines-Jones in memory of her husband, Philip, a NASA astrophysicist. The observatory was specifically designed for telescopic viewing in suburban light and includes a building which houses the computerized telescope and a special camera for long exposure astrophotography.

A representative of the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt will be present for the dedication.

"On behalf of the St. Philip Neri community, we thank Ms. Deines-Jones for her generous donation in memory of her husband, Philip. St. Philip Neri emphasizes a robust science program and the addition of the observatory will further strengthen the program. As our students are enriched in their practical understanding of astronomy, so too will their imaginations and curiosity be inspired by a sense of wonder and awe!" said Kate Daly, principal.

St. Philip Neri Catholic School serves children in Pre-K(4) through 8th grade and is located in Linthicum, MD. For more information, please visit st.philip-neri.org or call 410- 859-1212. St. Philip is registering for the 2013-2014 school year.

There are 49 elementary/middle schools and 20 Catholic high schools serving 27,118 students in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Catholic elementary and middle school students consistently score in the top third in the nation on standardized tests. High schools graduate 99% of students and 98% of students go on to attend college. Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Baltimore are located in Baltimore city and the following counties: Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick,

Harford, Howard, and Washington. To learn more about an Archdiocese of Baltimore Catholic school, call 1-800-5-CATHOLIC or visit archbalt.org/schools.