



THE DE LA SALLE *Dispatch*
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Upcoming Event

**2007 GRADUATION MASS and
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES**

Friday – 15 June 2007 – 7 PM
Our Holy Redeemer Church

Tidings From Brother Thomas

The De La Salle School Class of 2007, thirteen strong, is busy preparing for their graduation in just two weeks. Assignments have been made for our student readers and altar servers, eighth grade choir rehearsals are under way, parents have been notified of the details associated with the celebration, and review is underway in all classes for the eighth graders' final exams next week. We are grateful to Darcel Whitten-Wilamowski, a member of my Advisory Council, Coordinator of the Office of Ministry to Catholics of African Ancestry of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, and the director of Sr. Thea Bowman Diocesan Gospel Choir, who has been working with Brother Richard to prepare our students.

Please plan on joining us as we mark our second De La Salle School Graduation Mass and Commencement Exercises!

WORD OF THE WEEK

transgress – *to go over a limit or boundary* (23 May)
eloquent -- *showing clear, forceful expression* (30 May)

Mock Trial Judge Visits The De La Salle School

Kareen R. Vessup, Esq., the “Judge” who presided at the 2007 Catholic Middle School Mock Trial program in which seven of our students participated, visited The De La Salle School recently and spoke at a Morning Assembly. A graduate of St. John’s School of Law and a trial attorney with a New York City law firm, Mr. Vessup shared personal stories of growing up in the “hood” and the choices he made in life. “Make a difference in your life,” he urged our students. Citing the statistic that fifty percent of male, minority students will not graduate from high school, Mr. Vessup asked the students what they wanted out of life and then offered this advice, “Have respect for yourself, choose your friends wisely, set goals.”

A Student’s Prayer to St. John Baptist de la Salle

“Thank you for giving me an opportunity to change my ways. Your school has changed me. Before I didn’t want to come. I thought my life was over. The first days I didn’t think I would fit in. But in the little time* I have been in the school I have changed. Thank you for this opportunity. You are the saint that inspired Brother Thomas and Brother Richard to become Brothers. You inspired Ms. Matson to become a Lasallian volunteer. So I pray to you St. John Baptist de la Salle, pray for us.”

*James Navarro joined us this year as a sixth grader.

Twenty-four Steps to “Gentleman of the Week”

13. Stay together
14. Come prepared
15. No fighting

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