



CAMPUS MINISTRY



FAREWELL TO FR. ROB

FROM RICH COSTA AND JESS MADELENA

As St. John the Baptist says goodbye to Fr. Rob, we are both saddened by the thought of his absence while at the same time, changed

by his presence during the past six years. The gift he gave of himself, his love of Jesus and the Church has helped the SJB community grow in faith, and through that faith, follow our mission of 'bringing the Gospel to a world in need.'



There is a student painting of St. John the Baptist that would be displayed on the stage when Fr. Rob said Mass. During many assemblies Fr. Rob would speak about how the person in the painting, St. John the Baptist, is pointing towards Jesus. Like St. John the Baptist, Fr. Rob prepared the way for something greater. All the prayers in the morning, the talks at Mass, the videos, the hanging out in his office- it was never about Fr. Rob. It was always about the students. He always desired the best for them, no matter what it was. The students were never off of his radar.

And like St. John the Baptist, he was pointing the students, and all of us, to someone greater. Someone who will always be with us and, if we permit Him to, lead us to joy and to heaven. This was for Fr. Rob, what it was all about. So many students want to be like him, and he showed them how: Love Jesus.



There is a movie called The Butterfly Circus, that was shown on many retreats we did. The movie is an allegory about how people can learn to become who they are under the careful watch of the Great Showman. At the end, when one of the main characters finds true happiness, the Great Showman does a little dance and walks away, knowing his work is complete. Let us pray that Fr. Rob has the same satisfaction, knowing how many of us in the SJB community he has point-

ed to Jesus over the past six years.



As he begins his new assignment as Pastor of Christ the King parish in Commack, please always keep him and the parish in your prayers as undoubtedly, he will keep the SJB community in his prayers.

LENTEN DAY OF PRAYER



During Holy Week, St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School held a Lenten Day of Prayer in which students were able to come together, and reflect the day before beginning their Spring Break. Students



were treated to two different assemblies, lead by very dynamic speakers; Jackie Mulligan, founder of *Reform*, a wellness program built to help others re-form their lives with God and also Sr. Bethany Madonna, who our students heard speak during this year's trip to Panama for World Youth Day. Jackie spoke about our health and how it not only depends on food, exercise, and rest, but it also depends on our relationship with God. Jackie believes our wellness stems from faith and the rest springs from our relationship with God. Jackie has become a friend to SJB; this was her second visit to the school this year. In January she spoke at SJB's Coffee House. Sr. Bethany Madonna shared her story of becoming a Sister of Life with our students, and discussed similar



difficulties we all face in growing up. Sr. Bethany's joy in life, that she has embraced from God, was palpable and contagious. It was a moving day for all in attendance. SJB is grateful for their presence.

DRVC COLLABORATIONS

FAITH IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE INITIATIVE #1

Students from Holy Trinity Diocesan High School visited SJB, along with representatives from the Diocese of Rockville Centre, to collaborate on the first "Faith in the Public Square" initiative. The initiative was

a video based upon an anti-abortion letter Bishop Barres published earlier this school year. Pope Francis is quoted at the start of the video, and the students wrote excerpts from the Bishop's letter, and held them up for the cameras.

MIDNIGHT RUN
A special thank you to the students from St. Mary's School, in East Islip, who assisted SJB with our upcoming Midnight Run!



GRADUATION RETREAT WITH SJB'S NEW CHAPLAIN

The 8th graders from Maria Regina Elementary School visited SJB to meet with Fr. Dave Attanasio SJB's Seniors, and SJB Campus Ministry for their Graduation Retreat!



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SJB Juniors completed Eucharistic Minister training!

