Catholic Schools Week is always a special celebration of all that we are at Seton High School. In January of this year, the Saints had various opportunities to shine in our Catholic faith. The week consisted of several events to empower our students and to extend our compassion to our community.

The beginning of the week kicked off with each student receiving a “God Survival Kit,” bags of candy that had motivational scriptures and messages with them. Each Mentor Group made a Prayer and Intention Wall throughout the halls of Seton. The groups also participated in a Cupcake Socks service project. The socks were donated with cheerful notes to employees at SC-sponsored ministry Bayley as well as students at St. Boniface School. To kick up our school spirit halfway through the week, our Seton Varsity Dance Team performed in our gymnasium for each House. The week wrapped up with a presentation to The Literacy Network of Greater Cincinnati where we proudly donated more than 3,200 books that our Saints had collected and brought in throughout the week.

“We are proud of our Mentor Group Chaplains and our Campus Ministry club for planning a week where students embraced many faith-inspired activities that really captured the spirit of our school,” said Seton President Kathy Allen Ciarla ’87. “We are so blessed to be able to highlight our Catholic identity and the mission of the Sisters of Charity, not only during this special week but throughout the entire year.”
After more than a year, Bayley is finally able to open its doors to visitors again with increased safety measures in place. The organization is thankful to its Bayley families and staff for their love and support. During the time when all senior living and long-term care facilities were closed to visitors, Bayley staff came up with many creative ways to provide extra love and support to residents. Recently, Bayley has been able to provide several vaccine clinics for residents, staff, and community members, which is already having such a positive effect!

Several DePaul Cristo Rey High School (DPCR) seniors have received full-tuition scholarships including Katie ’21 to Mount St. Joseph University and Jada ’21 (pictured) to the University of Cincinnati. Richard ’21 is the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Cincinnati’s 2021 Youth of the Year and Martin ’21 is one of 18 local students to receive a Straight A Scholarship from the Anthony Muñoz Foundation. At least three DPCR graduates are headed to grad school including Joe Jenkins ’17 who will attend the Columbus College of Art and Design, Alexis Reeves ’16 who will attend the University of Cincinnati’s College of Pharmacy, and Joseph Whittle ’17 who will attend UC to pursue his master’s degree in community planning.

Events at Mount St. Joseph University continue to evolve and develop at breakneck speed, despite the pandemic and its necessary cautionary restrictions. Learning, both in person and virtually, continues as a creative faculty and adaptive students provide new approaches. The MOSAIC Cross Cultural and Inclusion Center has been unveiled, defining the Mount’s commitment to a lasting legacy for diversity and inclusion. And after three years of visioning and construction, the Centennial Field House and Austin E. Knowlton Recreation & Fitness Center officially opened on Feb. 23. Community outreach still plays a large role as the Health Sciences Division has partnered with Mercy Health Care to offer Covid-19 vaccines to the community at large. Service learning is an important part of many and varied university courses as the university urges students to “Climb Higher” in their dedication to the common good in society.

COVID-19 has impacted all our lives, and just like you, St. Joseph Home residents haven’t been able to see their friends, go to school, or do their favorite activities. Family visits have been limited to keep everyone safe. Thanks to a partnership with Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center, SJH residents over 16 received vaccinations right at home in their cottages on the main campus. Cincinnati Children’s nurses came to SJH, making it faster, easier, and more efficient for everyone! SJH staff were also able to be vaccinated on-site.

Dan Connors, SJH president and CEO said, “Through the hard work and dedication of our staff and the amazing support from our community, we have been able to keep our folks safe during this pandemic. We can’t wait to welcome you back to our campus, homes and day programs. Now more than ever, we have hope that those days are right around the corner.”