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Special Needs

Dear Friends of Saint Catherine Center,

Happy New Year! I hope your 2026 is already off to a wonderful start and that your Christmas season was filled with joy and time spent with those who mean the most to you.

As we begin this new year, we are excited for all that lies ahead. With new goals and meaningful initiatives on the horizon, we look forward to building on the progress we have made together and continuing to create spaces where joy, growth, and purpose can flourish.

I am also pleased to share that our annual report will be released soon. This report highlights the impact you have helped make possible over the past year and celebrates the many milestones achieved by our students, adult participants, and dedicated staff. Please be on the lookout for it in the coming weeks.

Thank you for being such an important part of the Saint Catherine Center community. We are grateful to begin another year with your partnership and support.

Wishing you a healthy, happy, and joyful New Year,

Laura Grozier
Executive Director



Annual Nativity Pageant: God With Us

Saint Catherine Academy celebrated the holiday season with its annual Christmas pageant, *God With Us*, on December 17th.

The festive event welcomed family members and friends who gathered to witness the students' heartwarming performance.

This year's script, written and directed by Sister Cheryl Driscoll, RSM, provided a role for every student, allowing each to contribute meaningfully to the retelling of the Christmas story. With the support of the Academy's teachers and therapists, the students delivered a moving performance filled with joy, confidence, and the true spirit of the season.

"The pageant was all about sharing the story of the Nativity," said Ms. Lisa Lanni, Director of Education. "The students worked incredibly hard, and their pride and confidence were evident in every moment."

A special highlight of the pageant was the presentation of gifts to Baby Jesus. These symbolic offerings—happiness, kindness, smiles, family, friendship, and love—reflected the true meaning of Christmas and the spirit of giving.

Following the performance, attendees enjoyed a reception hosted by members of the Connecticut Order of Malta. We are grateful for their continued support and kindness.

Thank you to the dedicated staff, therapists, volunteers, and everyone who helped make this cherished tradition a memorable success. A special note of gratitude goes to our "retired" staff members, Sr. Cheryl and Sr. Maureen, who volunteered their time daily throughout the month leading up to the performance.

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Wishing Mr. Richard a Happy Retirement

We bid a fond farewell to Richard Silva, a staff member in our Adult Day Program, who recently retired after eight years of dedicated service.

Throughout his time at Saint Catherine Center, Mr. Richard formed meaningful connections with our young adults and brought compassion, patience, and consistency to each day. His presence made a lasting impact, and he will be missed deeply by both participants and staff members.

As he begins this exciting new chapter, we extend our heartfelt thanks for all he did to support and empower the individuals we serve.



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