



## SAINT CATHERINE CENTER FOR *Special Needs*

### *In Loving Memory*

On Friday, June 12th, Monsignor Robert Weiss celebrated a memorial Mass honoring the life of Francesca Cenatiempo, a cherished member of the Saint Catherine Center community.

Francesca began her journey with us as a student at St. Catherine Academy and later became part of our Adult Program. Known for her joyful smile and gentle spirit, she brought warmth, kindness, and happiness to everyone she met. Last year, at the age of 33, Francesca passed away after a courageous battle with cancer.

The memorial Mass was an opportunity for Francesca's family, friends, and the Saint Catherine Center community to come together in remembrance and thanksgiving for her life. Following the Mass, everyone gathered outside for the blessing of a tree planted on the Center's grounds in her memory. During the ceremony, members of Francesca's family took turns blessing the tree with holy water, creating a meaningful and lasting tribute.

Today, Francesca's legacy continues to flourish. Her friends in the Adult Program lovingly care for the tree, watering it regularly and nurturing it as a symbol of the love, kindness, and light that Francesca shared with all who knew her.

Francesca's memory was also honored during the Weston Adult Soccer League Memorial Day Tournament on May 26th. Players, families, and friends gathered not only to enjoy the tournament but also to celebrate Francesca's life and the lasting impact she had on so many. The event also raised funds in her memory to benefit Saint Catherine Center. We are deeply grateful to everyone who participated, donated, and helped make the day such a meaningful tribute.





## *Summer at Saint Catherine Center*



Summer is in full swing at Saint Catherine Center, and both the Academy and Adult Programs are making the most of the season.

For students in the Academy, our Extended School Year (ESY) program provides continued learning in a relaxed and engaging environment. Each day offers opportunities to enjoy the outdoors, whether it's a walk to the nearby lake, time on the playground, or hands-on activities that encourage creativity and discovery.



Summer also brings exciting opportunities to explore beyond the classroom. Students enjoyed visiting the Beardsley Zoo and the Maritime Aquarium, where they learned about animal habitats and marine life. A bowling outing provided a fun way to stay active while building friendships and practicing social skills.



In the Adult Program, participants are embracing the season with morning walks, reading in the courtyard, outdoor games, and community outings that promote wellness, independence, and social connection.

At Saint Catherine Center, summer is a season of learning, exploration, friendship, and fun—creating meaningful experiences and lasting memories for everyone we serve.

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