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TCCES Honors 3 Staff Members for Outstanding Performance

NEENAH: Twin City Catholic Educational System (TCCES) honored two teachers and one staff member for their outstanding performance at an all-staff, end-of-the-school-year Mass and celebration.

Mrs. Jill Ahles, a 6th grade teacher at Seton Catholic Middle School, was awarded the St. John Baptist de la Salle Outstanding Teacher Award. This honor is presented each year to a current TCCES teacher who continually inspires and academically challenges his or her students. This award was established to recognize excellence in teaching with a focus on creativity and rapport with students; a positive attitude and outstanding instruction. Mrs. Ahles is a gifted teacher who has an outstanding relationship with students, parents, and peers; she contributes constructively and positively to Seton and TCCES and lives her faith in and out of the classroom. She challenges her students to work to their highest potential and teaches them to set high expectations and standards for themselves.

Mrs. Pat Bowen, preschool teacher at St. Mary Elementary School in Menasha, was awarded the St. Frances Xavier Positive Influence Award. This award is presented to a current TCCES teacher or staff member who has made an exceptional difference in the lives of our students and their families. Mrs. Bowen continually goes above and beyond to make sure that her students feel that school is a haven for learning and growing. She promotes personal growth, spirituality and life-long learning as the path to future success. This award recognizes that Mrs. Bowen goes well beyond expectations for the good of TCCES students, their families and all of TCCES.

Mrs. Kathy Bergholz, administrative assistant at St. Gabriel Elementary School in Neenah, was awarded the St. Anne Award for TCCES Spirit. The TCCES Spirit Award is presented to a current teacher or staff member who has shown an outstanding commitment to presenting all TCCES schools in a positive manner and who works to retain and recruit TCCES students and families to all of our schools. Mrs. Bergholz continually works toward the betterment of all TCCES schools and students, and actively encourages

students, parents, families, parishioners and the community to learn more about all our schools and programs. She takes personal pride in and responsibility for TCCES's success as a system and works positively with administration for the betterment of TCCES and Catholic education.

"It is an honor and privilege to work with such dedicated teachers and staff members. These three individuals believe so strongly in Catholic education and are wonderful examples of outstanding Catholic educators. Our system, students and parents are blessed by their talents each day in the classroom and at school," stated Mike Sullivan, TCCES President.

Twin City Catholic Educational System (TCCES) - which includes St. Gabriel, St. Margaret Mary and St. Mary Elementary Schools, Seton Catholic Middle School and St. Mary Central High School - strives to provide the highest quality education in a faith-filled environment for children in preschool through high school.

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