



# Christians In Action

Immaculate Conception High School  
Campus Ministry Newsletter

## ICHS New Youth Group

ICHS Campus Ministry has been very busy. We have started a youth group this year and the girls have chosen the name **CIA: Christians In Action**. The girls are very excited with some of the new projects we have done so far. Stay in touch with us through the ICHS website and our monthly newsletter!

## 2011 "Fight Like A Girl" Day

ICHS held its annual "Fight Like A Girl" day in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month. T-shirts with the slogan "Fight Like A Girl" were purchased by students, faculty, and staff. In addition, weekly dress down days will be held through the month of October. All proceeds will be donated to breast cancer research.

### Upcoming Events:

- ◆ *Freshman / Sophomore Spiritual Retreat Thursday November 10*
- ◆ *Thanksgiving Clothing and Food drive*
- ◆ *Help A Family At Christmas*



## 9-11 Memorial

On September 9th we commemorated the 10th anniversary of 9-11 with a red, white & blue dress down day and prayer service. Everyone paid \$1 to dress down and all proceeds went to the

Twin Towers Orphan Fund. We began our day with a candlelit prayer service. We had a senior, junior, sophomore and freshman process in with a candle: each



one symbolizing the four sites of that day. The candles remained lit in the foyer of the school for the entire day as a reminder of the events that took place.

# Franciscan Heritage Week

## Monday, October 3 - Compassion

Monday, October 3rd kicked off our Franciscan Heritage Week. This is a week for us to honor and remember our Franciscan values given to us by Saint Francis of Assisi and Blessed Mary Angela. Each day of the week was given a different core value to focus on. Monday's focus was compassion. We started off with a Mass to remember who we are and what we have come from. We also began a week long food drive for Magnificat Home in Jersey City.



*Collecting food and other items for Magnificat Home*

The girls collected non-perishable items such as cereal, pasta, juice and canned goods. Cleaning supplies and paper goods were also collected. During this week the Senior Class held their annual Pasta Dinner. Trays of baked ziti and bread that was left over from the dinner were also donated to Magnificat Home. Mr. Laracy, the director of Magnificat Home left with a car packed to the top of donated items!

## Tuesday, October 4th - Transformation

On Tuesday, October 4th we focus on transformation. With donations from Home Depot in Paterson and Lodi, the girls transformed the front and back of the campus. In the front of the school we cleaned up, planted tulips, put down new mulch and rocks. In the back of the school we moved re-

*"Let your love be like Christ's love, revealing itself not only in feelings, but in deeds."*

*Blessed Mary Angela*

arranged the picnic tables into a nice picnic area to sit and eat lunch. A garden was planted

near the new picnic area and decorative rocks were set as a focal point in the shape of a paw print to symbolize our Blue Wolf. We are all looking forward to the nice weather when our flowers will bloom and we can enjoy our new picnic space.

## Wednesday, October 3rd - Respect for Human Dignity

In honor of Franciscan Heritage Week, ICHS dedicated Wednesday, October 3rd to Respect for Human Dignity. ICHS hosted our annual "Fight Like A Girl" day in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Each Friday for the month of October students, faculty and staff donated two dollars in order to wear

the t-shirts with the slogan "Fight Like A Girl" printed on the front. All the proceeds from the purchase of the shirts and the dress down days has gone to breast cancer research. By: Ashley Garcia



*ICHS "Fight Like A Girl" logo designed by Mr. Nelson Cupeles*

## Thursday, October 6th - Justice & Peace

On Thursday, October 6, 2011 we focused on the Core Value: Justice & Peace. To symbolize this we all wrote letters of thanks and encouragement to our men and women in the armed forces. Through an organization called A Million Thanks, we are able to have our letters sent to our soldiers who are stationed all across the world. They need to know how thankful we are for them and how much we appreciate all that they do!



[Amillionthanks.org](http://Amillionthanks.org)

## Friday, October 7th - Solidarity with the Poor

On Friday, October 7, 2011 we experienced our last Core Value: Solidarity with the Poor. There were 28 girls who took a night away from cellular devices and electronics to experience what it was like to be poor, living in a "Box Village". We sat around a campfire, listened to our religion teacher, Mrs. Cupeles, share real stories that poor people actually

went through, and that some found a path to a better life. The Garfield EMT's came and spoke with us about how they find many homeless people and how they care for them. We ended up sleeping in boxes with only a sleeping bag and blanket. This experience helped us to realize how blessed we are and to sympathize with what homeless people go through.

It was truly an amazing experience for me and I think that I would definitely try it again next year. By: Claudia Zabielski

**"Each one of them is Jesus  
in disguise."  
Mother Teresa**

