

# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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## LESSON OF THE WEEK

### Re-Examining the Kennedy Assassination

APRIL 18 - APRIL 22, 2016



One of the most memorable moments in St. Edward history came in 1962 when President John F. Kennedy visited the school on his way from downtown Cleveland to the airport. The photo of the student body lining Detroit Avenue as he is handed a football as a keepsake has kept a special place in the school's main hallway since that moment. JFK's presidency and assassination still fascinates St. Edward students today.

[St. Edward](#) students had a unique opportunity to learn more from community experts as Social Studies teachers Judge John Russo '85, Pat DeChant '05, and Matt Levindofske organized a presentation centered on examining the JFK assassination, which included panelists Judge Ellen Connally, Judge Burt Griffin, and Judge Brendan Sheehan '85.

Students gained a much deeper understanding of the history of each presidential assassination in our country's history, led by Judge Connally, followed by a discussion with Judge Griffin - a member of the Warren Commission - on the specifics of the Kennedy assassination.

## Two Deserving Young Basketball Fans Become Saints

**NOTRE DAME, IN (April 22, 2016)** -Notre Dame, Ind. -On April 13, the Holy Cross College Saints, with the help of the Friends of Jaclyn Foundation, made two boys' dreams come true. Eleven-year-old Khalon Manson Howard from Mishawaka and his 8-year-old brother, Jaycob Michael Beal, signed their letters of intent to become part of the Holy Cross basketball team. Both boys will be on the Saints bench during the 2016-2017 season.



Khalon is battling leukemia and regularly receiving treatments in Indianapolis. He is a sports fanatic who loves basketball and is a member of the local MBA basketball program. Khalon's favorite local basketball player, Demetrius Jackson, surprised him via Facetime to congratulate him on becoming a Saints basketball player. Jaycob, Khalon's brother, is currently in third grade. He also loves all sports and has been by his brother's side as much as possible, giving up travel basketball in order to do so.

As members of the Saints, the boys and their family will be immersed in the men's basketball program and attending as many workouts, practices, and games as possible. The boys spent time after their signing getting to know their new teammates and getting some shots up. Khalon and Jaycob impressed the crowd with their ball handling and shooting skills.



The Friends of Jaclyn Foundation began in 2005 when Jaclyn Murphy was diagnosed with a medulloblastoma, a malignant brain tumor. Her wish was to help all sick children find a team to show their love, support and friendship. The mission of Friends of Jaclyn is to improve the quality of life for children and their families battling pediatric brain tumors and other childhood cancers while spreading awareness. Friends of Jaclyn helps by pairing afflicted children and their siblings with local high school and college sports teams, campus clubs, and arts programs in their community. Friends of Jaclyn has helped over 700 families with brain tumors, and they have expanded their reach to include children and families suffering from all childhood cancers.

## Reception to Celebrate Dr. Beiting's Service to Hoban



Dr. Mary Anne Beiting is completing a 28-year career of dedicated service to Archbishop Hoban High School. The Hoban community will celebrate her contributions at an open house reception in her honor on Saturday, May 21, from 2 to 5 p.m., in Moreau Ministry Hall in the Maynard Family Center for Spiritual Formation. Hors d'oeuvres, adult refreshments, and desserts will be served. An RSVP is required.

Please call Vicki Srail at 330.773.8620 or email [srailv@hoban.org](mailto:srailv@hoban.org) by May 13.

Download the invitation [HERE](#).



## 2016 Project Hope Winners Announced



Each year the Vocation Office for the Brothers of Holy Cross invites students in Holy Cross Schools to reflect on a current topic in the life of the Church. This year's topic invited students to reflect on the Extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy. Students could present their thoughts, reflections, and ideas in writing, art, short film, and music. A description of the Project Hope challenge follows.

**How can we authentically live a life of mercy?** It's a question Pope Francis has embraced and encouraged by announcing the **Extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy** that began on December 8, 2015, and will conclude on November 20, 2016. Project Hope 2016 invited students to deepen their understanding of this complex and enriching topic by exploring one of these questions:

1. Pope Francis recently tweeted, "Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved, and forgiven." What do you think of this statement? Where else in our lives is it important to show others mercy and hope?
2. Mercy, or forgiveness from God and others, is a way for us to push the "restart" button in our lives. Is there an experience or time when you wished you could press "restart"? Tell us about that experience and how it influenced your understanding of mercy.
3. What works of mercy have you performed or witnessed in others? How do these acts bring you closer to your faith or to God?

The response to [Project Hope 2016](#) was exceptional. There were 748 submissions representing 12 Holy Cross schools in the United States. The theme of this year's contest was the "**Holy Year of Mercy.**" Students reflected with considerable depth and creativity on how they have witnessed mercy or been the recipients of mercy in their lives. A complete list of winners and their work is at this link: [Project Hope winners](#). By clicking on the blue word below the winner's name and school, you can see each student's winning entry.

## Reflection



### YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE

*The majority of us lead quiet, unheralded lives as we pass through this world. There will most likely be no ticker-tape parades for us, no monuments created in our honor. But that does not lessen our possible impact, for there are scores of people waiting for someone just like us to come along; people who will appreciate our compassion, our unique talents. Someone who will live a happier life merely because we took the time to share what we had to give.*

*Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have a potential to turn a life around. It's overwhelming to consider the continuous opportunities there are to make our love felt.*

*Leo Buscaglia*

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