

Catholic Schools celebrate ‘Tim McGuire Appreciation Day’



The Message photos by Tim Lilley

Diocese of Evansville Catholic schools administrators wore special t-shirts to honor retiring Chancellor/COO Tim McGuire during their April 5 meeting at the Diocese of Evansville Catholic Center. Superintendent of Catholic Schools Dr. Daryl Hagan, *standing at left*, thanks Tim for his years of service to Catholic schools and the diocese.

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Diocese of Evansville Catholic school administrators dedicated their final meeting of the school year to Tim McGuire, retiring diocesan Chancellor/COO. They wore special matching t-shirts to their April 5 meeting at the Catholic Center that read “Tim McGuire Appreciation Day.” Superintendent of Catholic Schools Dr. Daryl Hagan thanked McGuire for his support to Catholic schools and the diocese. Hagan said it’s been an honor and a pleasure working with him.

“Today, we honor you for being the wonderful person you are,” Hagan said. “You are somebody who leads with your heart, and you lead with your faith in Jesus Christ. You have taught me how to lead. I’ve learned a great deal from you and so have all these people.”

Special guests included Bishop Joseph M. Siegel; John Elcessor, executive director of the Indiana Non-Public Education Association; and members of McGuire’s family.

Two surprise guests were McGuire’s granddaughters, McKenna Byrley, and her sister, Adalynn, who read a special message to their “PawPaw” before their classmates from Evansville’s Good Shepherd School choir performed an Irish blessing song, “May the Road Rise Up to Meet You,” in Tim’s honor. McKenna is a first-grader at Good Shepherd, and Adalynn is in pre-K.

Bishop Siegel said over the past four years, McGuire helped him learn the ropes of the diocese. The bishop described McGuire’s leadership style as professional, faith-filled and dedicated, before he thanked him for his service.

Elcessor, who traveled from Indianapolis, said McGuire is

someone who can do the hard stuff, but he’s also caring, compassionate and affirmative.

“You have to understand, the respect for Tim spans far beyond the Diocese of Evansville boundaries,” he said. “Sometimes it’s hard to find folks who understand what servant leadership is;



Tim’s granddaughters, McKenna Byrley, *left*, and her sister, Adalynn, read a special message to their “PawPaw” before their classmates from Evansville’s Good Shepherd School perform a song in Tim’s honor. McKenna is a first-grader at Good Shepherd, and Adalynn is in pre-K.

Tim embodies servant leadership . . . I’m sure you have no clue the impact you’ve had on this Diocese and beyond.”

McGuire expressed his thanks and appreciation to everyone.

“I really can’t tell you what you all mean to me personally,” he said. “I thank God for blessing me to be in this situation for the last 14 years. I don’t know what led him to lead me to this, but I’ll always be thankful for that. It’s been a job that I’ve loved and enjoyed . . . I wouldn’t trade the last 14 years for anything.”



Dr. Hagan, *left*, Bishop Joseph M. Siegel, Tim and John Elcessor get a photo together April 5 at the Catholic Center.



John Elcessor, *seated at right*, executive director of the Indiana Non-Public Education Association, joins members of Tim’s family as they listen to the Good Shepherd School choir. John traveled from Indianapolis to be a part of this special event.



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