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## Diocesan educators prepare for renewal projects

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Two diocesan educators will travel across the country and two more educators will travel abroad for their projects funded by the Lilly Endowment.

In all, four educators at schools in the Diocese of Evansville were awarded the Lilly Endowment Teacher Creativity Grant. Elizabeth Browning, Rebecca Humm, William Lismore and Matt Moore were each awarded a grant as part of the Lilly Endowment Teacher Creativity Fellowship program.

Humm and Lismore intend to travel overseas for their renewal projects.

A fifth grade teacher at Resurrection School in Evansville, Humm plans to travel through southern Europe from the birthplace of St. Thomas Aquinas to the birthplace of sports, reigniting a passion for athletics and seeking inspiration and renewal of body and spirit.

Humm is in her second year as a teacher at Resurrection School. Prior to teaching at Resurrection, Humm taught at St. John the Baptist School in Newburgh for six years. Humm said in her time at St. John, several teachers were awarded the grant.

"It's a creativity grant," Humm said. "So it stretches your thinking. Finding something that I was passionate about but also translates into making me a better me and therefore a better teacher, and how I'm going to bring that back to the school and community. It takes a lot of thought and research to put it all together."

For the spiritual side of her trip, Humm will be traveling to Italy. She will visit the Vatican, St. Thomas Aquinas' birthplace in Roccaseca and where he studied and went to university in Naples. She also participated in a silent retreat earlier this year in a monastery

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REBECCA HUMM



WILLIAM LISMORE



MATT MOORE

## Four students awarded Father Endress scholarships



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Nicholas Hirsch, left, and Carson Parks were named as Reitz Memorial's 2025 Father Endress scholarship recipients.



Lisa Muensterman, left, and Johnny Aydt are Mater Dei's 2025 Father Endress scholarship recipients.

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Four high school seniors were recognized as the 2025 Father Endress scholarship recipients during ceremonies at both Mater Dei and Reitz Memorial High Schools in Evansville.

Mater Dei's Johnny Aydt and Lisa Muensterman and Reitz Memorial's Nicholas Hirsch and Carson Parks were named as this year's Father Endress Scholarship recipients during March 20 ceremonies at their respective schools.

Both Aydt and Muensterman plan to use the scholarship to attend Marian University in Indianapolis. Aydt announced during the March 20 ceremony that he is committing to Marian and will play soccer for the Knights.

"For the last couple months, I haven't known if I was going to be able to afford Marian University because tuition's expensive," Aydt said. "And I just didn't have the scholarship money that I wanted to have to go there. So I was waiting back on this scholarship to hear if I was going to be able to go and I'm quite shocked to find this out."

The son of Claire Gammon and Zach Leiter, Aydt attends St. Philip Parish in Posey County. During his time at Mater Dei, Aydt has participated in the student council as police officer of Mater Dei-ville, participated in varsity soccer, football and track and volunteered at St. Philip parish events, at Seton Harvest with Farmer Joe and at the Walk for Autism. He was a soccer team captain. He plans to major in

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## Knights of Columbus celebrate Founders Day

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The founding day of the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization, the Knights of Columbus, is March 29. Founded by Blessed Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut, on March 29, 1882, the organization was named in honor of the explorer Christopher Columbus. In 2020, Pope Francis announced that Father McGivney would be beatified, the next step on the journey to sainthood.

Originally serving as a mutual benefit society to working-class and immigrant Catholics in the United States, the Knights of Columbus developed into a fraternal benefit society dedicated to providing



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