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Letter: St. Jeremiah vigil honored

Thursday, May 4, 2006

On Sunday, May 7th, at 10:15 a.m., we will gather to celebrate the one year anniversary of the St. Jeremiah's Vigil. This 24 hour vigil is necessary in order to keep the doors open and save and preserve the childhood parish of Christa (Corrigan) McAuliffe, the "Teacher Astronaut."

Imagine, almost a year later it was standing room only, on Easter Sunday, April 16, 2006. Between 400 and 500 in attendance, it would appear that St. Jeremiah's just refuses to die.

As an original member of the parish I can tell you that among the crowd Sunday were many familiar faces, many new faces, and it's diversity could be seen and heard throughout the church. The crowd ranged from those approaching the end of life to those just beginning.

This gathering was made possible by the love and devotion of the many who have stood a 24 hour a Day Vigil for almost one year; that's over 7,500 straight hours of vigil without a break.

This weekend we will gather to celebrate. The doors are open to all. I hope you will come and share this moment in history with us.

Come stand with us in memory of our past, share our present suffering and join in hoping for a brighter future. It is important to note that we are most grateful to Cardinal O'Malley for allowing us to celebrate Mass at St. Jeremiah's.

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