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## **McAuley Celebrates World Youth Day**

In observance of the United States celebration of World Youth Day on Sunday, October 26, the Mother McAuley community devoted its October all-school liturgy to highlighting the gifts that young people bring to faith communities across the country.

During the liturgy, four students spoke on their commitment to service and how their ministries have helped them grow in faith. Freshman Christina Miller of Burbank spoke on her experience as a Junior Counselor at a camp for 5-6 year olds. Sophomore Tania Velazquez of Ashburn Park volunteers for many activities and spoke specifically about her gratifying work with the Special Olympics. Junior Gina Sanchez of Evergreen Park spends many hours volunteering at Christ Hospital and senior Therese Pizzo of Mount Greenwood went on the McAuley Summer Appalachia Service Trip to help repair houses for needy families.

“These four young women are only examples of the many McAuley students who are using their gifts to give back to their communities. By joining in the World Youth Day celebration, we were able to recognize the gifts our students have and encourage them to continue leading an active faith life,” said Dr. Christine Melone, President/Principal.

Student also received a copy of Pope Benedict XVI’s homily from the 23<sup>rd</sup> World Youth Day Liturgy in Sydney, Australia.



*Left to right: Senior Therese Pizzo, Junior Gina Sanchez, Sophomore Tania Velazquez, and Freshman Christina Miller*