



Camp Turner campers and staff benefit from 50 years of priest's service

Camp Turner, the Diocese of Buffalo's summer camp for boys and girls ages 7-16, is approaching its 92nd summer. Throughout this time, camp has moved sites, been developed and enhanced, added activities, evolved new programs, seen staff move on to do great things in their communities, and welcomed lifelong campers as the next generation of staff.

There is one person who can testify firsthand to both the many changes and the constancy of its mission over the years. That person is Father John Kwiecien, currently serving at Most Precious Blood Parish in Angola. Out of 92 summers, Father Kwiecien is about to embark on his 50th.

Father Kwiecien began his career at Camp Turner while he was still in the minor seminary as the assistant nature counselor, learning from those before him and teaching those who came after. That program still bears his mark. Father Kwiecien is best known for the musical talent that he brings to ministry, enhancing the liturgies, campfires, and mealtimes with both stringed instruments and voice.

Anybody out there still gets tugs on their heartstrings when they hear "A-soulin" at Christmas



Father John Kwiecien blesses cross necklaces for the staff as part of a commissioning Mass at Camp Turner.

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time. Many remember his seminal role as St. Nicholas each summer during Christmas in July. Still others remember his role in the wilderness canoe trips down the Allegany Reservoir.

For the last 13 summers, Father Kwiecien has had a special function in guiding the mission of Camp Turner as its chaplain. He is a special adviser to both administration and staff. From

as long as anyone can remember the mission of Camp Turner has remained the same: "Honor God in the children confided to your care."

These words have been the marching orders for staff and alumni for generations. Father Kwiecien supports the camp in living these words each summer. Staff who help campers discover the presence of God in themselves, in each other, in the staff,

and in all of God's marvelous creation, is perhaps the best example of how the mission of Camp Turner is lived.

The entire Camp Turner family of campers, camper parents, staff and alumni would like to express its appreciation for Father Kwiecien's 50 years of service to the camp. He continues to honor God in his care for those at the camp and with his service to camp.

There is still space to sign up your camper for a 2015 camping session. All activity areas will be returning for 2015 including camper favorites like horseback riding, archery, arts & crafts, games-in-the-woods, and the low-ropes course. New activities have been added recently, like four square, pickle ball, wood shop, and 9-square-in-the-air.

Alumni and friends are invited to stop by camp this summer to congratulate Father Kwiecien on 50 years of service to Camp Turner.

Call Executive Director John Mann at 716-354-4555 in advance to arrange a visit, or email CampTurner@gmail.com. Families interested in sending campers to summer camp this summer can find more information at www.CampTurner.com or by calling 716-354-4555.



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preferred, participants can choose to take the High School Placement Test Review Class.

This option is open to seventh- and eighth-graders during the afternoon session. The class will help prepare for the high school admissions process and includes sessions that cover vocabulary, writing and math review.

Summer sports camps, including

volleyball, basketball and cross country are also available. Success in the fall begins with what is done in the summer. All campers will receive a camp gift.

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In the second, third and fourth weeks of the program, students may join in optional field trips to a variety of attractions. Past field trips have included Darien Lake Theme Park, Maid of the Mist and Cave of the Winds at Niagara Falls, Adventure Speedway, Adventure Landing and others. Field trips will be on Fridays and require an additional charge. There is no regular program on field trip days. Students may attend as many, or as few, field trips as they wish.

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KENMORE — Mount St. Mary Academy will offer a theater day camp for girls entering grades five through eight July 27-31, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The camp will offer an opportunity to learn about theater and build acting skills.

The camp is run by Second Generation Theatre co-founder and MSM's theater/dance teacher, Kelly Jakiel Copps. Campers will participate in singing, dancing and acting activities, as well as meet with other area professional performers. The registration fee of \$80 includes a camp T-shirt.

Mount St. Mary Academy will present Summer Sessions 2015 for girls entering grades five through eight from Aug. 3 to 7, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The program will include a combination of athletic, arts and educational sessions.

The camp offers two morning

sessions and two afternoon sessions where students participate in classes geared toward hands-on learning and active play. Morning classes include STEAM, journalism, cupcake baking, acting, dance and more. Afternoon sessions include dodgeball, cooking, singing, archaeology, digital photography, babysitting and more. The camp costs \$195 per child and includes a T-shirt and all necessary supplies and materials for each of the sessions.

Mount St. Mary will also present separate summer sports camps. A basketball day camp for girls entering grades five through eight will take place July 7-9, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the school. The camp will give assistance and skill development to take students to their next level of play.

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Camp offerings include running and journalism

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A lacrosse day camp for girls entering grades five through eight will take place July 27-31, from 9 a.m. to noon. Campers of any skill level are welcome and will be introduced to the fundamentals of the game. Campers will work with past players and MSM's coaching team to strengthen individual

skills. The registration fee of \$80 includes a camp T-shirt.

Mount St. Mary will offer a Journalism Camp, taught by freelance writer Tim O'Shei, from July 13 to 17., from 9 a.m. to noon. The camp, for girls entering grades five through eight, will offer an opportunity to learn about journalism techniques, as well as participate in on-camera interviews, photography, behind-the-scenes editing and more. The registration fee of \$80 includes a camp T-shirt.

Mount St. Mary Academy will offer a running day camp for girls entering grades five through eight. The program, held from July 13-17 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the school, will give assistance and skill development to take students to their next level of play. The camp is run by Mount St. Mary Thunder Coach Danielle Burns-Heim, with the assistance of her cross country

team, the 2013 Msgr. Martin League champions. Campers of any skill level are welcome and will be introduced to strategies for distance running. The registration fee of \$80 includes a camp T-shirt.

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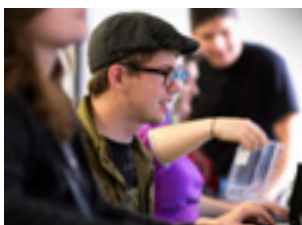
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