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DARE TO DREAM

The following is a condensed version of a homily given by Msgr. Jack Costello to his parishioners at St. Peter Parish, St. Louis Mo. Msgr. Costello is uncle of parishioners Ginna Springer and Marin Santorsola. Last year Msgr. Costello brought his parish and school staff to St. Catharine to spend the day to learn about SPICE and figure out how they could duplicate it in St. Peter Parish. This homily given Jan. 6, 2019 (feast of the Epiphany) was the kick off of SPICE in St. Peter's parish, St. Louis, Mo. The Culture of SPICE continues to grow.

It may begin with a vision, a question, an unwillingness to accept or be satisfied with what has been. What would happen if... ? Is there a healthier, a more constructive, a more loving way to deal with this... ? Wouldn't it be cool if... ?

And so a Dream takes shape.

That dream compels the dreamer to look for a source of light, of direction, of insight: A Star...if you will, a star that illuminates the dreamer's eyes to see both the possibilities for realizing the dream and the obstacles to its fulfillment.

And the star sets the dreamer on a journey: of making the hope a reality, of creating a new and better place



for justice and peace and reconciliation to thrive. There may be unexpected turns and there may be naysayers. You may have to go another route... away from the Herods!

That is always the worst and most tragic sin of humanity... to destroy another's spirit, their hopes, their possibilities, their visions, their dreams. But, if the dreamer keeps the faith, follows the right star and perseveres on the journey, the dreamer will eventually reach "Bethlehem."

Have you ever met a Dreamer?

I have... fairly recently, too, in Columbus, Ohio where my niece Marin lives with her husband, Justin, and their five children. One of whom is Peter, now a 6th grader at St. Catharine of Siena Grade School. Peter has autism.

The dreamers were Bob and Mary Ginn Ryan. 25 years ago Bob and Mary Ginn's 11th child was born named Megan. Megan has Down's syndrome. When it came time for Megan to go to school the Ryan's didn't know what to do. Could she go to St. Catharine's like her ten siblings... ?

When they went up to St. Catharine's the principal greeted Bob and Mary Ginn with "We have been waiting for you!" It was so welcoming and so reassuring. So desiring a Catholic Education for their daughter and so desiring her to be with her siblings Bob and Mary

Ginn began to ask “dreamer” questions: What would happen if...? I wonder if we looked at her learning from this approach? Wouldn't it be cool if... ?

A dream was hatched and they called it SPICE (Special People in Catholic Education).

Were there naysayers (Herods) along the way? Were there unexpected setbacks, challenges and detours?

Yes, but it prevailed... not only for Megan Ryan but for countless other young people and old, too, over these 20 years... including one young man, dear to my heart, Peter, my great-nephew, now a 6th Grader at St. Catharine with autism... succeeding in all ways, attending school with his siblings and cousins, a server, a cantor, plays basketball (scored his first point today in fact) and just elected by the student body as a secretary for the Student Council. And what ever happened to Megan Ryan? ...Well last year she graduated from The Ohio State University TOPS Program for students with intellectual and Developmental disabilities.

And now even has a job at Ohio State University.

And now we are working to bring SPICE here to St. Peter School and our Parish... so the dream of Bob and Mary Ginn Ryan still continues!

This feast day of Epiphany and the Magi is about a dream and about dreamers. May their dream become our dream. May their journey to Christ be our journey to Christ. May we follow their star.

Do we navigate by the “stars” that lead us to wealth, to power, control, to prestige... stars that eventually will flame out. Or do we fix our lives on the great “Star” of Christ... the Great North Star: of compassion, of peace, of understanding, of unity, of hope, of mercy, of justice, of forgiveness... things that bring meaning to our lives... and transforms our setbacks and hurts, and despairs into the Kingdom of God? So Start dreaming folks! And asking questions like:

What if this would happen? Could we look at it this way? Wouldn't it be cool if...?

Thank you for putting SPICE in our lives!

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Irish Eyes were smiling once again at this year's SPICE St. Patrick's Day Dinner held on March 2!

Nearly 300 attendees dined on a delicious dinner of corned beef & cabbage, chicken, Irish stew and endless desserts while also enjoying beer, wine, and specialty cocktails. This year's silent auction featured a week-long stay at a Florida beach condo, a VIP package to an OSU football game, a whiskey tasting party for 10, as well as the always-extraordinary baskets created by each class. This year's Pot o' Gold flash fundraiser also once again illustrated the passion felt for supporting SPICE, with \$15,000 in pledges being made in just a few minutes! Entertainment from Irish step dancers and perennial favorite's The Hooligans kept the crowd's toes tapping all night. Mark your calendars for another can't-miss night of great food, drinks, and entertainment in support of SPICE next year—MARCH 14, 2020!

*Justin and Marin Santorsola,
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