

Notre Dame Learning Center, Inc.

A ministry of the School Sisters of Notre Dame
of the Atlantic Midwest Province

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Our Mission

To enable children, youth, and adults to reach the fullness of their potential through education in English Language Arts, Reading, Math, and Technology.

In fulfillment of this mission, the Notre Dame Learning Center strives

- to welcome children, youth, and adults and encourage them to take advantage of the educational opportunities offered
- to create an environment that facilitates the development of the whole person
- to teach skills necessary for further educational endeavors or employment.

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From the Desk of the Director

By Sister Lorraine Burns



Sister Lorraine Burns

The NDLC and I have been a part of each other for over seven years. Since I started the program with three young girls, teaching them Math, I have enjoyed every minute of it.

The idea of a SSND Sponsored Work in Rochester began in 2003, and today we have a very successful organization. I have given my best over the years and I am proud of what we have accomplished. It is an opportune time for Sister Evelyn Breslin, SSND to lead the organization to greater heights. I am forever grateful

to the School Sisters of Notre Dame for having given me the opportunity to be a part of the accomplishments we have had over the years.

I would also like to express my gratitude to many of you who have supported us over the years and have been instrumental in helping us touch the lives of many children, youth, and adults. I know Sister Evelyn can depend on you to help us carry on the mission of the NDLC.

Tribute to Sister Lorraine

From Sister Nancy Gilchriest, SSND, Chair

The Constitution of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, *You Are Sent*, states: "For us, education means enabling persons to reach the fullness of their potential as individuals created in God's image and assisting them to direct their gifts toward the building of the earth...Thus, our ministry demands a Christian vision of what the human person is called to be and what the world is destined to become."

To see a living example of this credo, one needs to look no further than our own Sister Lorraine Burns. As she completes her service at the Notre Dame Learning Center, words of gratitude come from all constituencies as we all have been blessed to know and work with Sister Lorraine. Her Christian vision has come to life at NDLC, and we are all the beneficiaries. God bless you, Sister Lorraine!

NDLC Welcomes Sister Evelyn Breslin as New Director



Sister Evelyn Breslin

As a School Sister of Notre Dame, I welcome the challenge of carrying forth the mission of the Notre Dame Learning Center “to provide educational opportunities for children at risk” as established by Sister Lorraine Burns. I am truly grateful to Lorraine for her organization, skill and vision when she launched this educational tutoring center for the children.

During my years in Rochester I have served as a teacher and administrator at St. Joseph’s Business High School and Bishop Kearney High School. Most recently my days were spent at the School of the Holy Childhood as Executive

Assistant, Volunteer Coordinator and Administrative to the CFO.

The challenge of working with the other sisters, the volunteers and the Board at the Learning Center excites me. I look forward to meeting all of you.

– Sister Evelyn Breslin

Wanted: Summer tutors!

Please contact Sister Mary Lou at 254-5110 to volunteer.

We’ll be registering students at the end of May. If you know someone whose child needs extra help, have them contact us.

Bishop Kearney students support NDLC

By Pippa Bianco, Campus Minister

The students at Bishop Kearney High School love to “dress-down” out of their regular school uniform, and the price for that privilege is a \$3 donation to our Mission Fund.

St. Patrick’s Day was a great excuse to raise some Mission money and students were encouraged to dress down in green to support this worthy cause. Most students chose to wear jeans and t-shirts but there were a couple of student leprechauns spotted in the halls at various times of the day.

At the beginning of Lent I had asked Sr. Lorraine for a ‘wish-list’ for the NDLC, and with funds raised from the dress down we were able to provide many items that she had wished for including Kleenex, paper towels, hand sanitizer, mailing envelopes, white and colored copy paper, masking tape, scotch tape, staples and pocket folders.

It is our pleasure here at Bishop Kearney to support the wonderful works of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, and the students that they tutor.

A New Undertaking!

Just 5 years ago this March, the Notre Dame Learning Center (a ministry of the School Sisters of Notre Dame) was born when Sister Lorraine Burns, SSND, began tutoring 3 young girls in Math. Since that time the Center has had the privilege of working with over 500 children and devoted tutors.

Now, thanks to a special grant, we are able to offer a computer program for adults with little or no understanding of computers. The curriculum is designed to enhance the knowledge they already possess and eventually help with word processing, e-mail, job searches, resume writing, etc. During the school year classes are held in the morning; during the summer months they will be held in the afternoon. Each class will last for one hour with an additional hour for practice.

The teachers are volunteers who are very willing to share their time and talent, for which we are most grateful.

We invite any adult wishing to take advantage of this program to contact the NDLC at 254-5110.

Volunteer at the LPGA and help the NDLC! Watch some great golf, too!

Spread the word! Sister Evelyn Breslin is in the process of scheduling volunteers for the LPGA at Locust Hill Country Club, June 21-27. Some of the stands will be staffed by friends of SSND and **proceeds will benefit the Notre Dame Learning Center.**

- Volunteer at least three four-hour sessions and then receive credentials for the entire week (You get to watch the LPGA when not working!)
- No uniform needed – but maybe tan slacks/or capris and a red or white golf shirt
- Sign up for AM or PM sessions. Some sessions begin at 6 AM!

If interested, or if friends are interested, please contact Sister Evelyn as soon as possible. She’d like to get the scheduling done quickly so we can be sure of the profit! Call 458-3894 or e-mail ebreslin@rochester.rr.com.