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Queen of Peace High School in Burbank recognized seven individuals for their commitment and dedication to the values and ideals of the Dominicans of Sinsinawa at the annual Founder's Day Celebration Sunday, Nov. 2.

The following were recognized.

- Donna Gailus, a 1977 Peace graduate, was recognized for the value of Truth. She is a three-year member of the Peace Board of Directors. Gailus also is a founding member of the school's WiSE Women of Peace, an alumnae association sponsored group for women in science and engineering. An engineer herself in the field of computer science and information technology she is dedicated to advancing women in the fields of engineering, math and science. She also serves as a mentor for the school's newly created Robotics Club.
- Sr. Mark O'Loughlin, O.P., who has dedicated her life to seeking equal opportunity for others, was recognized for the values of Justice and Compassion. Sr. Mark has a degree in social work from Loyola University in Chicago. She also served as a board member from 2001 to 2007 and now serves as the board liaison to the Dominican of Sinsinawa Mother House.
- Dolores Baumgarten, who has spent her life dedicated to educating children while developing their Catholic faith, was recognized for the value of Partnership. She has worked in the Archdiocese of Chicago as a teacher, principal and assistant superintendent. Now semi-retired, she currently works as a curriculum consultant for the Archdiocese. Her three daughters, Becky, Robin

and Holly, attended Peace from 1981 through 1990. She and her husband were involved in the Peace community as volunteers in a number of activities from Bingo to sports. Mrs. Baumgarten also served as a board member for four years after her youngest daughter graduated in 1990.

- Patricia Mulligan DeLeonardis, a 1966 Peace alum and dedicated board member since 2000, was given the Spirit of Peace Award. She served for three years as a board member and three years board as chairwoman, before stepping down at the end of her term. She rejoined the board for the 2007-08 school year and currently is a board member and finance committee chairwoman.

Mrs. DeLeonardis has been instrumental in initiating the annual scholarship dinner, the Mazzuchelli benefit. She helped shape the fundraiser and has helped to raise thousands of dollars for scholarships.

- Longtime employee Nancy Janachowski of Bridgeview has been a vital part of Queen of Peace for 21 years and was inducted in to the Peace Hall of Fame. Queen of Peace has Mrs. Janachowski to thank for many of the beautiful rose bushes, plantings and dozens of trees around campus – all of which she planted. For several years Mrs. Janachowski also cared for the lawn. Students know Mrs. Janachowski for her presence in the lunchroom and as the school bus driver. Nancy also operates the Peace recycling program. In addition, she voluntarily manages the Peace concession stand during school sporting events.
- A suburban Chicago couple recognized for the value of Community wished to remain anonymous.