



Samantha Elizabeth Webb, the daughter of Tony and Michele Webb of Ephrata, WA, attended St. Rose of Lima School before losing her battle with cancer. On page two, her principal reflects on her short life. Donations can be made to the school or the *Central Washington Catholic Foundation* for the St. Rose of Lima School Fund.

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Foundation Celebrates First Year, Many Contribute to Christian Goals

By Daniel C. Fortier

As we close in on the first full year of our new *Central Washington Catholic Foundation*, we have many great reasons to give thanks. Last summer our new Catholic Foundation separated from the Diocese of Yakima and became its own nonprofit corporation.

The participation of new and sustained donors increased substantially. This is the result of not only your generosity but also the hard work and focus of our executive director Father Samuel P. Bellino, S.J. Through his spiritual guidance and expertise, he has guided the Trustees and our membership to an excellent new beginning.

Our full board is now in place representing the counties of Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas, Grant, Yakima, Benton and Klickitat in Central Washington. We had our first board meeting on March 28, 2003, where we discussed our mission and our future. Bishop Carlos A. Sevilla, S.J. joined us in our first meeting as a whole board. Our annual meeting is in June when we elect new officers.

Recently, my wife Karen and I were on a weekend trip and attended Mass at Sacred Heart Parish in Prosser. This beautiful parish is over 100 years old, and it struck me as to the huge mission we all share to carry out our Catholic Faith, and its future by sharing our gifts bestowed to us. I thank you for your participation and generosity.



Daniel C. Fortier, 2002-03 Board of Trustees Chairman

La Fundación Celebra su Primer Año, Muchos Contribuyen a las Metas Cristianas

Por Daniel C. Fortier

Mientras nos acercamos al primer año de existencia de nuestra nueva *Central Washington Catholic Foundation*, tenemos muchas buenas razones para dar gracias. El verano pasado nuestra nueva Fundación Católica se separó de la Diócesis de Yakima y se convirtió en su propia organización no lucrativa.

La participación de nuevos y constantes donadores aumentó substancialmente. Esto es el resultado de no solo nuestra generosidad sino también del enfoque y arduo trabajo de nuestro director ejecutivo el Padre Samuel P. Bellino, S.J. Por medio de su guía espiritual y experiencia, él ha guiado a los miembros del Patronato y a nuestra membresía a un excelente nuevo comienzo.

Nuestra Mesa Directiva completa está ahora en su lugar representando a los Condados de Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas, Grant, Yakima, Benton y Klickitat en el centro de Washington. Tuvimos nuestra primera junta de la Mesa Directiva el 28 de marzo del 2003, donde discutimos nuestra misión y nuestro futuro. El Obispo Carlos A. Sevilla, S.J. estuvo con nosotros en nuestra primera junta de toda la Mesa Directiva. Nuestra reunión anual es en junio cuando elegimos a los nuevos miembros.

Recientemente, mi esposa Karen y yo estábamos viajando durante un fin de semana y fuimos a Misa en la Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón en Prosser. Este hermoso templo tiene más de 100 de antigüedad, me conmocionó al igual que la gran misión que compartimos de practicar nuestra fé católica, y su futuro de compartir los dones que se nos han concedido. Les agradezco por su participación y generosidad.

Educator Remembers Student, Community Gives in Her Name

By Doris Rosenow

Principal at St. Rose of Lima in Ephrata, WA

It all began nine years ago on a December day when a tiny, newborn baby girl was brought to St. Rose School for "show and tell" for the kindergarten class by her big sister, Courtney. Courtney could not have been prouder of her new baby sister; that was my first introduction to Samantha. She was so adorable. I look back now and I remember how all those kindergartners were waiting to hold Samantha.

Just three short years later, Samantha found her way back into that very same classroom as a three-year old preschooler. She was a big girl then, coming to school with her sister.

In preschool Samantha was diagnosed with cancer. I recall visiting her at Children's Hospital after her surgery. She was not feeling well, but adamant to do things for herself. "I can do it myself," Samantha said as she was getting back into her bed. Yes, Samantha was determined.

Wherever there was Samantha, there was her best friend and cousin, Emma. They were like two peas in a pod. They would often be wearing matching outfits like identical twins. In the lunchroom, Samantha and Emma always sat at the same spot and nobody better be sitting there.

Samantha's illness did not seem to slow her down. Samantha walked to school most of the time. The school rule is for those students that walk, ride bikes or are brought to school by car should not arrive before 8:10 a.m. This year Samantha didn't arrive at 8:00 but at 10 minutes to eight. Her backpack was always first in line and she enjoyed sitting on the boy's laps.

Samantha was the one with the illness, yet you would never know it by the happy, caring and lovable person that she was. A couple of months ago I had missed a couple of days due the flu bug. When I returned, Samantha put her arm around my neck and asked me, "How are you feeling?" And here she was the one that was having leg pains and receiving radiation treatments. Samantha cared so much for others.

Samantha was full of love. She really cared about everyone and how they felt. And it showed in the way the students wanted to be around Samantha. "She was fun to be around, she loved to tell jokes, she made me laugh, she was kind, she played with everyone, she was always smiling" are some of the things that were said about Samantha by her friends at school.

We all have special thoughts of our Sammy Sunshine. Our wonderful times spent with her, the fond memories we will cherish. I recall those mornings when Samantha would arrive early at school and wait with the others in the office. As the office got crowded, I would take the kids to the gym. Samantha would usually end up sitting on my lap. We would hold hands and visit. She would tell the others to sit down or ask to see what was being passed around. Then a teacher would come on duty at 8:00 and take the kids out for 15 minutes of recess before the day began. Samantha often would remain with me. We would talk about school, her sports stuff, her family, doctor's appointments, what she was doing in class, or what Emma and she were going to do after school. I will forever treasure those moments when her hands were in mine and we sat with my arms around her. I can only imagine that she is now sitting on Jesus' lap and it is his arms around Samantha. WE LOVE YOU, SAMANTHA!

Donation in Samantha's name can be made to the St. Rose of Lima School or directly to the *Central Washington Catholic Foundation* for the St. Rose of Lima School Fund.



Samantha Elizabeth Webb
December 1, 1993 -- January 1, 2003

Central Washington Catholic Foundation

Investments Quarter Ending March 31, 2003

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Jane Frances Godfrey	6,171	Poulin Holy Family	115,588
Jean Meyer	6,018	Rosa, Lena, Louisa Orlando	146,228
John Rodriguez-Kranz	15,319	St. Joseph Kennewick Music	5,964
Mary Ellen Chott-Mahre	25,446	St. Joseph Yakima	96,107
Mark L. Kranz	22,351	St. Paul Cathedral	48,696
Msgr. William J. Sweeney	773,093		
Sr. Noreen O'Connor, CSJ	2,518	Seminarian Funds	
St. Joseph School, Kennewick	94,776	Bittner Burse	\$ 124,635
St. Joseph School, Wenatchee	103,499	Edmond & Blanche Poulin	120,876
St. Paul Cathedral School	133,924	Thomas & Nancy Mahony	107,542
St. Rose of Lima School	92,984	Robert G. Geier	58,024
William A. & Mary M. Hambelton	24,859	Seminarian Education	35,038
Total Central Washington Catholic Foundation Funds		\$ 2,435,954	

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(February 1, 2003 to April 30, 2003)

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