

## First Day of School!

The R-K school year kicked off with a prayer service this morning, where students joined in song, learned about the R-K charism, and were given a Centennial "memento" to begin the year.

President Sr. Joan Andert, SSND, shared the following story with the girls, illustrating the meaning behind the small compact mirror that each girl was given:

*"In the mid 1990s a group of educators came to St. Louis to study schools here. These educators were principals of schools in the country of Lithuania. Lithuania is a small country on the Baltic sea and had been controlled by the communists for decades...After decades of control and poverty they really weren't so sure what opportunities this freedom really brought. A foundation brought them to St. Louis to study schools and get ideas of what they might like to implement in their schools.*

*In 1998, I was given the opportunity to go to Lithuania and visit the principals that came to St. Louis. I also got to see their schools...Vigintas Guedaneous was the principal of a school of 1200 students grades 1-12. In his school he had mirrors on the walls in every hallway. Mirrors of various sizes and shapes. Some were chipped, some were tarnished, some were shiny. It was clear he had collected any mirror he could find and put it on the wall for the students.*



Each R-K girl was given a fleur-de-lis inscribed mirror (shown above).

*When I asked him about the mirrors he explained, "When the communists came to our country, they wanted the people to think only of the good of the government. They took away all the mirrors. If you don't have an image of yourself, you don't think of yourself as important. I want each of my students to have a clear idea of how important he or she is. I want them to know they are real people with gifts and talents. I want them to see themselves clearly each day so they grow to be confident and strong."*

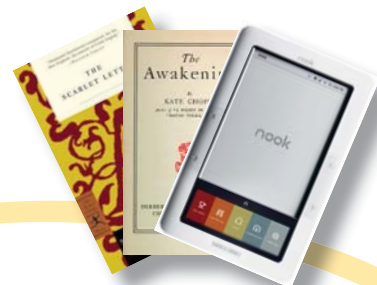
*From that day to today I never see a mirror as just a mirror, I see it as a tool of confidence and strength. Today each of you is receiving a mirror. I want you to promise that you will use this mirror to look at yourself as a beloved and important member of the R-K family. See your gifts and promise to share them generously."*



All smiles! Brand-new R-K women (freshmen) Grace, Mary, Angela, Kim and Katie at the opening prayer service with their R-K centennial mirrors.

## eReader Pilot Program

In the 2011-2012 school year, R-K sophomores will be part of an eReader pilot program. In lieu of an American Literature textbook, all students will receive a NOOK, pre-loaded with the novels, short stories and other writings for American Lit. By using NOOKs, students can annotate the text and take digital notes as they read. The R-K faculty and administration will evaluate this program throughout the school year.



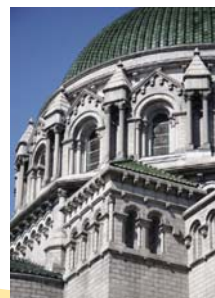
**First Day Homework!** Kathleen, a sophomore, takes notes on Kate Chopin's "Story of an Hour"

## Centennial Liturgy

The Rosati-Kain High School community invites parents, alumnae, former faculty and friends to join us and Superintendent George J. Henry for the first celebration of

## Rosati-Kain High School's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

In honor of the school's opening September 1, 1911, a Eucharistic Liturgy will be celebrated with Archbishop Robert J. Carlson



Thursday, September 1, 2011  
10:00 A.M. in the St. Louis Cathedral Basilica

Please R.S.V.P. to Elizabeth Henning, August 25, 2011  
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or click here to RSVP online.

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