

# **ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND** **COORDINATOR OF INCLUSION, DIVERSITY, & EQUITY** **NEWSLETTER**

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## *The Diversity Corner*

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### **POSITIVE QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*No one has a right to  
consume happiness  
without producing it.*

*~Helen Keller*

**Featured Leader** – Helen Keller (June 27, 1880 – June 1, 1968) was an American author, disability rights advocate, political activist and lecturer. Born in West Tuscumbia, Alabama, she lost her sight and her hearing after a bout of illness when she was 19 months old. She then communicated primarily using home signs until the age of seven, when she met her first teacher and life-long companion Anne Sullivan. Sullivan taught Keller language, including reading and writing. She was named one of Time magazine's 100 Most Important People of the 20th Century. Keller worked for the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) from 1924 until 1968. During this time, she toured the United States and traveled to 35 countries around the globe advocating for those with vision loss. Keller was also a prolific author, writing 14 books and hundreds of speeches and essays on topics ranging from animals to Mahatma Gandhi. Keller campaigned for those with disabilities, for women's suffrage, labor rights, and world peace.

**Did you know** - She was the first person with deafblindness to earn a college degree. From Radcliffe college of Harvard, and she also graduated cum laude in 1904 with a Bachelor's Degree.

**International Day of Persons with Disabilities** - This is a globally recognized observance dedicated to promoting the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities.

**Hanukkah** - is a Jewish festival commemorating the recovery of Jerusalem and subsequent rededication of the Second Temple at the beginning of the Maccabean Revolt against the Seleucid Empire in the 2nd century BCE. Hanukkah (alternately spelled Chanukah), meaning "dedication" in Hebrew, commemorates the victory of a small group of Jewish rebels (led by Judah Maccabee and his brothers, collectively known as "the Maccabees over the armies of Syria in 165 B.C.E. and the subsequent liberation and "rededication" of the Temple in Jerusalem. Modern celebrations of Hanukkah focus on family and friends and include the lighting of the Hanukkah candles.

**POSITIVE QUOTE OF THE WEEK (SUMMARY)** - This quote tells us that in order to acquire happiness, you must reflect happiness. You have the power to generate either happiness or misery in your life. Both are contagious. Choose this day to decide happiness because it will surely come back to you.

*~ COREY SHORTER, CIDE, ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND*

**NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR 6<sup>TH</sup>, 7<sup>TH</sup>, AND 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS. FOR MORE INFORMATION CHECK OUT THE ATTACHED BROCHURE AND IF INTERESTED Email: [cshorter@stmargaretstl.org](mailto:cshorter@stmargaretstl.org)**

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### **Upcoming dates for**

**November 30<sup>th</sup> – December 7<sup>th</sup>**

### **Upcoming Events**

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>- International Day of  
Persons with Disabilities**

**December 7<sup>th</sup> – Start of Hanukkah**