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Saint Catherine Academy is a private, state-approved school of the Diocese of Bridgeport serving students with special needs. We offer an education program for students who are ages five to twenty-one years old with multiple disabilities including intellectual disabilities and other developmental disorders.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PERFORMED TO STANDING ROOM ONLY CROWD

With great anticipation, the students lined up in the hall according to their part. The first of three Marys and Josephs, Emily and Tom led the students into the gym and smiled as they saw the faces of the crowd waiting anxiously for the show to begin. To "Have a Little Faith," the students quietly walked in and took their places. The curtain opened to Mary and Joseph preparing for their journey. The crowd reacted with laughter and applause when Kelsey delivered her line, "Pay your taxes!"

The Angel Gabriel, played by Jennifer, announces that Mary should not be afraid to be the mother of God. Mary and Joseph, played by Joshua and Edi, were looking for a place to stay when they find a kind innkeeper, Eli, who instructs to them to "Go there!"



The narrators helped the audience follow the story and the students used familiar Christmas carols to round out the production. When the curtain opened to a stage filled with the live nativity scene including our special

"This is a beautiful show. I don't care where you go, there is no Christmas Pageant as nice as this one," commented Bishop William E. Lori while addressing the audience.



Students and staff wait for the signal that the show was about to begin.

Baby Jesus played by Kaylee Kapp, the audience let out with a joyful sigh. Silent Night, accompanied by the signing of the students brought many to tears. Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus were visited by shepherds and the Three Kings. The final song, Feliz Navidad brought the audience to their feet in applause.

Bishop Lori greeted the audience and the stars with a warm welcome and wishes for a Happy and Holy Christmas season and a healthy New Year.

The Knights of Columbus Council from St. Patrick's Church in Bridgeport made sure that the students had a special visit by Santa Claus while parents and friends of St. Catherine Academy enjoyed some light refreshments following the presentation of the "The Christmas Story."

