



We have had some really good liturgies recently and I thought I'd share some of the highlights for the web site.

### **Spirit Mass for Homecoming Week**

All clubs and sports were asked to provide a symbol of their organization for the Offertory Procession. One of the students read off the names and mentioned the symbol for the particular club or sport as the student processed up. After several representatives came forward, we sang the refrain from "Song of the Body of Christ". We practiced the refrain with the Football Team at their weekly masses. Then they stood up and led the assembly in the singing at the Spirit Mass. We closed with the Vianney Fight Song.

The **All Saints Day** mass was celebrated in honor of a 2001 Graduate, Lt Dan Riordan, who was killed in Iraq in June 2007. We presented All Saints from the standpoint of the sacrifices "saints", both living and dead make for the sake of the Kingdom, for the sake of freedom, for the sake of love. Two students also gave reflections. They were asked to think about someone who stands out for them as good role models of Christian faith and/or who exemplified characteristics of a saint. They could speak about an historical figure, a family member or someone on campus. We sang the Litany of Saints and included the names of the Riordan family members, as well as the Blessed Marianists.

Members of Dan Riordan's family joined us for the occasion. One of our Counselors and Dan's twin brother spoke at the end of mass. They remarked that Dan Riordan believed in and was a man of faith (prayerful & had relationships with Jesus & Mary), a man of service (his work w/students, service projects, & the military), and a man of honor (his love and respect for & love of God/family/friends/strangers).

We closed with a prayer and a moment of silence, followed by "Taps" and "Let There Be Peace on Earth". It was a very moving experience.

### **Assembly of the Marianist School Administrators**

Four of our LIFErs led a prayer service with the Administrators from the Marianist Schools. A copy of the program is attached.

Students led the service. Tea lights were placed on gold ribbon that was shaped in the Marianist cross atop a piece of black fabric (Vianney school colors!) Participants were asked to come forward, name one of their students' whose "light" shines in their school as they lit a candle. Each Administrator was handed a prayer card with the scripture passage (Mt 5:14-16) on it and instructed to give it to the person they named in the prayer upon their return to school.