



**NCC-bred Father Paul Prabell returns to celebrate golden jubilee**

Father Paul Prabell celebrated Mass, May 6, at Newport Central Catholic High School. Father Prabell is a retired priest from the Diocese of Lexington and a 1964 graduate of Newport Catholic. He is celebrating his 50th jubilee this year and came back to his alma mater to be with the student body.

Father Prabell spoke of the power of the “school spirit” of Newport Central Catholic. He told the students that they will carry that spirit with them all their lives and to call upon it as a source of strength.

He shared these words that were shared with him and his classmates at Newport Catholic by teacher and coach Jim Connor, “A friend is someone who wants you to go to heaven. A friend is someone who will help you go to heaven.” He added, “Choose trustable friends, and be a trustable friend.”

The Mass was celebrated at St. Therese Parish, Southgate, with Father Ross Kelsch, NCCHS chaplain and Father Doug Lauer ('82), pastor, concelebrating. Deacon Bill Theis ('62) assisted.

## CareNet Pregnancy Services of NKY welcomes record crowd to annual banquet

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Editor

Over 700 guests attended the CareNet Pregnancy Services of Northern Kentucky’s annual “Changing, Healing, Saving Lives” banquet, May 5. CareNet operates three pregnancy care centers in Northern Kentucky — Florence, Cold Springs and Williamstown — offering no cost pregnancy testing and ultrasounds to women, especially women facing an untimely pregnancy. CareNet is a pro-life partner of the Diocese of Covington that helped to sponsor the banquet as an Education Partner: Faye Roch, director, and Peggy Piccola, assistant director, of the Diocese of Covington’s Pro-Life Office, attended the banquet.

Pam Stenzel, founder of Enlighten Communications and senior regional director for Florida’s Community Pregnancy Clinics, was the guest speaker. In her serious, yet humorous, talk Ms. Stenzel shared her experiences as a school educator on sexual risk avoidance, speaking candidly about the consequences of sex outside marriage, including sexually transmitted diseases and the physical and emotional impact.

She scoffs at public health officials who say “abstinence doesn’t work.”

“Abstinence works 99.9999999 percent of the time,” Ms. Stenzel said. “The only time it didn’t work, we had Christmas,” referring to the virgin birth of Jesus.

Ms. Stenzel praised CareNet and all pregnancy care centers who walk with women during the difficult

moments when they are struggling with the knowledge that they are pregnant. They don’t need someone telling them to harm their child, she said. What women need are free resources and health care that can help them understand their situation — a pregnancy test, an ultrasound and sexual transmitted disease testing.

For information on CareNet Pregnancy Services of Northern Kentucky visit [carenetnky.org](http://carenetnky.org).

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(from left) Faye Roch, director, Diocese of Covington’s Pro-Life Office, with Pam Stenzel, founder of Enlighten Communications and senior regional director for Florida’s Community Pregnancy Clinics, and Lyndi Zembrodt, executive director, Care Net Pregnancy Services of Northern KY, at CareNet’s annual “Changing, Healing, Saving Lives” banquet, May 5.

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