

Back to school in the Indianapolis West Deanery



St. Susanna School kindergartners Holden McCune, left, Anna Walker, at left in the second row, Zoe Arvanitis, center, and Evan Dorelli, right, participate in a song about butterflies and use hand symbols with their teacher, Linda Bloomer, not shown, on Aug. 18 at the Indianapolis West Deanery grade school in Plainfield.



Kindergarten teacher Linda Bloomer shows her students two caterpillars and their eggs on a plant kept in an aquarium in the classroom on Aug. 18 at St. Susanna School in Plainfield. The students are studying the life cycle of butterflies, and will eventually see the caterpillars spin cocoons and later hatch as monarch butterflies.



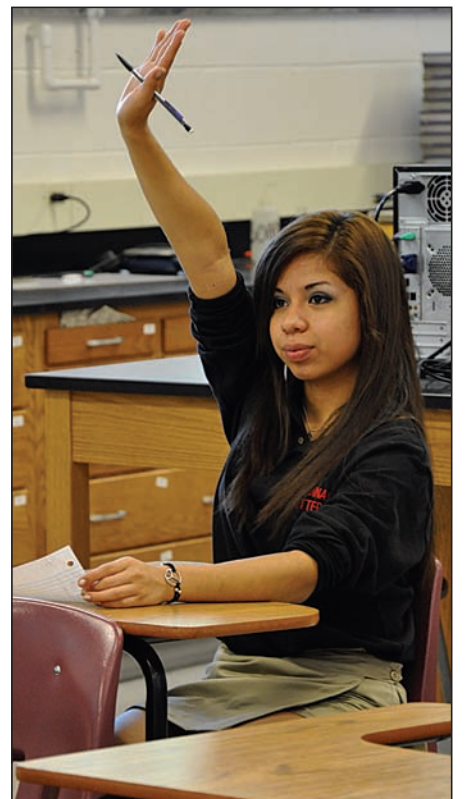
St. Susanna School kindergartners Jack Keith, left, and Jonathon Schmidt learn hand symbols which accompany a song about butterflies on Aug. 18 at the Indianapolis West Deanery grade school in Plainfield. The school theme is "We are many parts, but all one body." During the school year, the 309 preschool through eighth-grade students will learn how to be Christ for others by doing a variety of Church and community service projects in Plainfield.



Cardinal Ritter Junior High School language arts teacher Michal Owens, second from left, stands in a circle during a class get-acquainted exercise with seventh-grade students Cheyene Fernandes, left, Alexis Bingham, second from right, and Tory James, right, on Aug. 19 at the Indianapolis West Deanery junior/senior high school.



Above, Cardinal Ritter High School sophomore Markus Kojo of Pori, Finland, completes a chemistry quiz on Aug. 19 during his first day as a foreign exchange student at the Indianapolis West Deanery high school. His hometown is located on the coast of the Gulf of Bothnia, which is part of the Baltic Sea.



Right, Cardinal Ritter High School sophomore Thania Miranda, a member of St. Anthony Parish in Indianapolis, raises her hand in response to a question from chemistry teacher Zach Dennis on Aug. 19 at the Indianapolis West Deanery junior/senior high school.