

Cardinal Wuerl mentions St. Augustine School in column

On the eve of Catholic Schools Week, Donald Cardinal Wuerl of Washington made prominent mention of St. Augustine Catholic School in his weekly column in the [Catholic Standard](#), "The Teachings of Christ," referring to the conversion of 31 children from the parish school that took place during the Easter Vigil 2010-2011.

In the Jan. 17 issue, His Eminence wrote a column entitled "[Reproposing Catholic Schools Instruments of the New Evangelization](#)." In the fourth paragraph, Cardinal Wuerl wrote, "For example, at Saint Augustine School in Washington, a number of students have been received into the Church through the Rite of Christian Initiation over the past two years."

Cardinal Wuerl oversees nearly 100 Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Washington, which includes Washington, D.C., and five counties in Maryland. His Eminence mentioned St. Augustine even before mentioning four Catholic schools that had been named Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence by the U.S. Department of Education. Cardinal Wuerl visited St. Augustine Catholic School in January 2010, after hearing that more than 20 school children were enrolled in the Rites of Christian Initiation program.

The second oldest parish school in Washington, D.C., St. Augustine Catholic School was founded in 1858 by free men of color and emancipated slaves. It educated more than 195 children in PreK(3) through 8th grades.