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Run raises \$900 for pregnancy center

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by Ingrid Mezo

Participants in the Catoctin Pregnancy Center's first annual 5K Run/Walk for life and Mile Fun Run raised \$900 for the center.

Managed and staffed by volunteers, the nonprofit organization helps families with crisis pregnancies, according to a press release. The center assists women in all steps of the pregnancy. It continues to help families in need with young children up to 5 years of age by supplying formula, diapers, cribs, clothing and counseling.

The race, held Oct. 15, was dedicated to the memory of the Rev. Darin Didier, a young priest who died Sept. 6 following a lengthy struggle with cancer, according to a press release. Didier attended Mount St. Mary's Seminary, and was ordained to the priesthood June 4. He was an avid runner himself and served as chaplain of the university track team while at the seminary. Didier also ministered to the center while at the seminary.





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The event began with the mile-long Fun Run for children and their families, which drew 40 participants. The 5K race followed, and 37 people completed it.

Catoctin High School runner Derek Woelfel was the overall winner, finishing the course in 18 minutes, 35 seconds. Carrie Crouse, a former Linganore High School runner, was the first female finisher with a time of 21 minutes, 46 seconds. Christie Curley of Emmitsburg won the female Masters in 24 minutes, 14 seconds, and Terry Monn of

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Gettysburg won the Male Masters division in 21 minutes, 37 seconds.

The day concluded with an awards ceremony, refreshments and door prizes the by local businesses and organizations. Center volunteers and their friends and members, as well as members of the Frederick Steeplechasers Running Club, event together.

Local business raises over \$20,000 for hurricane relief

The employees and friends of Structural Systems, a building components mandistributor with offices in Thurmont, Frederick and Culpeper, Va., raised monto help victims of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, according to a press release.

The company matched employee donations dollar-for-dollar after company e president Gary Taylor asked employees to "see what we can do as a company who have lost everything."

Taylor presented the money to Leah Crace, executive director of the Frederic of the American Red Cross, Oct. 20 at the company's Thurmont headquarters

Catoctin Mountain Park to celebrate 69th anniversary

The public is invited to celebrate Catoctin Mountain Park's 69th anniversary Monday, at the park's Visitor Center. The celebration will feature a special partie defining events in the history of Catoctin Mountain Park.

Visit www.nps.gov/cato for more information.

Mount St. Mary's hosts Hunger Awareness Meal

Mount St. Mary's University will host its annual Hunger Awareness Meal at in the university café.

The meal is part of the university's efforts to support Hunger Awareness Mordemonstrate how the world consumes food in different locations, according to Students will also be able to donate a meal from their meal plan, with proceed Thurmont Food Bank and Frederick soup kitchen.

The meal represents the three major divisions of the world, with students separategories. Students in the first world category represent 10 percent of the world will receive a full meal, including a salad, main dish and dessert. Student world category represent 25 percent of the world's population and will eat be juice. Students falling into the third world category represent 65 percent of the population and will only be given rice and water.

Last year, 50 students and seminarians participated in the meal, and more tha donated a meal from their meal plan.

In order to show his support for the meal, Sean Adams, director of campus ac for the 100 hours prior to the start of the meal, subsisting only on water and v plans to raise additional money for the hungry though people who agree to sp

Adams hopes that by making his fast public, he will inspire people to think al the world. Adams will be in Patriot Hall collecting donations from noon to 1 to 6 p.m. today, Friday, Monday and Tuesday.

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