



CHEERING MSGR. HALLISSEY — Msgr. James T. Hallssey, who helped found the Hallssey Invitational Basketball Tournament, recently enjoyed a card sent by coaches and players from the February event played in Boise. This marked the first year the priest, 93, was unable to attend any of the games, awards ceremonies or player Mass. He currently resides at the Cottages in Mountain Home. (ICR photo)

Franciscan Cre-Act School to close

POCATELLO — The Cre-Act School, an innovative mixing of education and arts run by the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist since 1976, will be closing its doors at the end of the current school year.

Mother Anthony Marie Greving, superior of Desert House where the religious women live, notified the diocese last month of the sad news, citing the recent economic downturn.

Mother Anthony Marie said that a preschool program will continue at a different site, linked to ministry for seniors, in a new Franciscan Intergenerational Service program.

Meanwhile, the foundress

of the school, Mother Dorothy Prokes, has announced her retirement at age 90.

Cre-Act, short for Creative Acting, currently enrolls 46 students and was known for using arts to instruct students in traditional academic subjects like math and English. Mother Dorothy wrote a book in 2009 on the subject: "A Roadmap to Education: The Cre-Act Way."

In a letter to Mother Anthony Marie, Bishop Michael P. Driscoll thanked her and the Franciscans for their ministry. "I regret there is a need to close the school. The Cre-Act School has a long history of a good mix in the area."

Church to welcome new members

BOISE — During Rites of Election in February, members of the elect signed their names to the Book of the Elect before Bishop Michael P. Driscoll, requesting full membership in the church. Hundreds of others are expected

to join the church during April 3 Easter Vigil Masses.

These elect are scheduled to receive the sacraments of Initiation — baptism, first Communion and confirmation — during the Mass.

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