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Catholic school students celebrate 2nd annual Red Ribbon Week walk

A sea of red shirts will be seen walking around Gray's Lake on October 25, 2010 to raise awareness of drug abuse prevention and education as part of the nationally recognized Red Ribbon Week. Over 350 eighth grade students in the Des Moines metropolitan area Catholic schools will be walking to promoting the value of a drug-free lifestyle.

The students will gather at Gray's Lake at 12:15 p.m. to hear a message from Father David Muenchrath, Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Des Moines.

Prior to the walk, students at all of the Des Moines metro area Catholic schools participated in service projects to raise funds for the House of Mercy, one of Iowa's largest providers of transitional housing and clinical services for parenting women with addiction.

All dollars raised during the week will be pooled together and presented to House of Mercy. Following the check presentation, the students will participate in a variety to teambuilding activities. The walk around the lake will begin at 1:00 p.m.

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The Diocese of Des Moines Catholic schools serve more than 6,300 students through its 17 schools. For more information, go to www.dmdiocese.org and click on "Schools".