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VILLA MARIA STUDENTS ATTEND PAPAL COLLOQUIUM

Malvern, PA Six students from Villa Maria Academy attended a Papal Colloquium at Bishop McDevitt High School. This year's theme was *The Dignity of a Person* and featured a keynote address by Immaculée Ilibagiza, who survived the 1994 Rwanda genocide. She spoke about how that ordeal led her to a deeper relationship with God and to an understanding of the need for forgiveness.

Attendees read Immaculée's book *Left To Tell* and also the Vatican's *The Dignity of a Person (Dignitas Personae)* in preparation for the conference. After the keynote address, students were divided into small groups to participate in two round table discussion sessions on the two readings.