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Our Lady of Good Counsel School received accolades on “encouraging children to accept the responsibility of stewardship of our global society” from the Middle States Commission on Elementary Schools, based in Philadelphia.

The commission reviewed the school’s curriculum and practices during the accreditation renewal process, which takes place every 10 years.

“OLGC pursues spirituality, scholarship and community,” the commission report stated. “Their crowning achievement is their Twinning Project, a service initiative addressing social justice issues locally, nationally and internationally.”

The Twinning Project allows students to routinely collect books, stuffed animals and other goods, as well as communicate via letters, cards and e-mails with students at Holy Name School in Camden and St. Francis Primary School in Kingston, Jamaica. OLGC ships more than 1,000 pounds of literacy materials to St. Francis School, which is located in a very poor section of Kingston and educates about 1,000 students per year.

The exchange takes place over Easter break, when a Mission group consisting of teachers, parents and students visits Jamaica.

In exchange for the books, the Jamaican children send jellies, photos of themselves and educational projects back to the children of Good Counsel.

The commission also congratulated OLGC teachers on honing students’ oratory skills through participation in plays and liturgies, providing a diverse spectrum of student support services, and tapping into unlimited resources afforded by technology.

“The scholastic sphere is further enhanced by a multitude of co-curricular and extracurricular offerings. These inspire children to explore their myriad interests and talents outside the boundaries of the classroom.”