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### **Local student is youngest ever to fill big role in well-known passion play.**

January 2012, Cleveland, OH -- Joseph Knight, a resident of Cuyahoga Falls and student in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Immaculate Heart of Mary School, has literally been performing on stage for as long as he can remember. He and his family are members of Cleveland Performing Arts Ministries' musical passion play, "Tetelestai." *Tetélestai* means "it is finished" and performances vividly portray the last week of Jesus' life, including his trial, death and resurrection. Joseph started on-stage as an infant and has been involved on stage ever since.

This year, Joseph has the unique distinction of being cast as the apostle Andrew. At 11 years old, he is the youngest ever to fill the role of any of the 12 Disciples of Christ. It is a big honor and has also proven to be a big challenge. Joseph has had to attend extra rehearsals for music and staging and has also had to learn complicated vocal parts and harmonies. Still, when asked about the role, the youngster is positive: "It's more of a challenge and it makes me feel more grown-up. I feel like people are putting more pressure on me, so I try to do my best. It's fun and I like meeting new people."

Although staged by a volunteer cast and crew, the interdenominational play is known for its spirit-filled professionalism. Full staging, costumes, lights and sound bring the story of Christ to life in a moving and dramatic fashion. Although he is young, Joseph will be expected to maintain the show's high standards and blend in with the 11 adults to make up "the twelve." This shouldn't be too difficult, as the others have made him feel welcome and enjoy listening to his youthful tenor voice. Every cast member from the oldest (70+) to the youngest (6 months) works together to present the message in a powerful and inspiring way.

*Tetélestai's* 35<sup>th</sup> season begins February 17, 2012 at St Paul Evangelical Church in Berea, Ohio. There are three shows each weekend with evening performances on Friday and Saturday and a matinee performance on Sunday. Friday and Saturday shows are at 8:00 pm and Sunday shows are at 2:00 pm with some exceptions. The production has always been free for the audience and seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Free will offerings are accepted at the end of the performances to help cover expenses. Shows will also be performed in Wickliffe, Elyria, Gates Mills, Cuyahoga Falls, Parma, Andover and Macedonia.

For more information or full a full schedule, please visit our website at [www.livethepassion.org](http://www.livethepassion.org) or call (440)944-0635.

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