



PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON – CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE

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Pause and Ponder

January – Jesus Feeds 5000 Plus Women and Children (John 6:1-15)

Virtuous Action – Giving of All One Has

Our virtuous action for January calls us to think differently from what our society expects. We are expected to be successful, accumulate wealth, and live comfortably. Instead, our virtuous action invites us to Gospel living, which can be summarized by a line from Fresh Eyes on Jesus' Miracles (Doug Newton) in which he writes, "Miracles of surplus follow moments of radical sacrifice."

When we reflect on the Gospel in which Jesus feeds the 5000, the Apostles were in a position of radical sacrifice, that is, giving even the little they had (two fish and five loaves of bread) which would not have fed even the twelve of them. The result of their radical sacrifice was 12 baskets (one for each of them) of leftovers, a surplus they could not have imagined at the start.

What radical sacrifice is the Lord calling each of us to make? Will we recognize the abundance of blessings that occur?

Let Us Pray

+ for the intentions of **Bishop Malooly** who celebrates his birthday on Saturday, January 18

Catholic Identity

9 Days for Life – The U.S. Bishops' multi-faceted novena is for the respect and protection of human life. Each day, a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information. The novena begins on **Tuesday, January 21**, and concludes on Wednesday, January 29. This novena is an opportunity to develop our Catholic faith not only with students, age appropriately, but also with parents.

The USCCB has developed a wide variety of aids and resources to help promote this worthwhile initiative:

- Graphics are available for use in bulletins, social media, websites, etc.
- *9 Day for Life* flyers to promote the novena in your school.
- Printable handouts of the novena
- Toolkits for priests, deacons, DREs, Youth Ministers, Catholic Schools, etc.

All of this information is available at www.9daysforlife.com.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 12	Baptism of the Lord		
	Scholars Reception @ Ursuline Academy		
Monday, January 13	Calendar Meeting	1:30 pm	1626
Tuesday, January 14	CSO School Visit	8:30 am	St. Anthony of Padua
	Initial Faith Formation Meeting	4:30 pm	St. Francis de Sales
Wednesday, January 15	Advancement Directors Meeting	12:00 noon	St. Margaret of
Scotland			
Thursday, January 16	Initial Faith Formation Meeting	4:00 pm	Christ the Teacher
	Scholars Reception @ Salesianum School		
Friday, January 17	St. Anthony, Abbot		
	Renaissance Meeting – High Schools	10:00 am	1626
Sunday, January 19	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Monday, January 20	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day – SCHOOL HOLIDAY		

Action Required

Bishop Malooly's Birthday – Please offer an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the intentions of Bishop Malooly as a birthday gift some day this week. We shall inform Bishop that more than 10,000 students and staff members have prayed for him.

Catholic Schools Week – If you have published a schedule of events/activities for Catholic Schools Week and have not forwarded it to the Catholic Schools Office, please send it by **Friday, January 17** to Dr. De Angelo. CSO staff members, Board of Catholic Schools members, and diocesan leadership may wish to join your school community for an event or activity.

Attention Needed

Evangelium Vitae – Social justice and the fight for basic human rights cannot be accomplished without the first theme of Catholic social teaching: the life and dignity of the human person. An online course (\$28.00) has been made possible by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and the Culture of Life Studies Program. This course will explore Catholic Social Teaching by looking at the encyclical Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life). For more information, see <https://store.mycatholicfaithdelivered.com/p-44057-evangelium-vitae.aspx>.

GoGuardian – All GoGuardian invoices sent for 2019-2020 have been paid. If you received a duplicate billing for 2019-2020, please disregard the notice and accept our apologies.

Catholic Schools Week Board Visits – You may be contacted by a Board of Catholic Schools member regarding a visit to your school for a Catholic Schools Week event or activity. Thank you for welcoming the Board member to your school and for spending some time sharing the good news of your school with him or her.

Noteworthy Information

Don't Just Think Aloud, Think Along – The brief description of strategy provided may be worth sharing with faculty as another tool to enhance thinking in classrooms and serve as a discussion topic for an upcoming level/departments meeting.

Reasons to Celebrate

NCEA National Award for Holy Cross Student – Reagan Garnsey, a seventh grader from Holy Cross School will receive the 2020 Youth Virtues, Valor and Vision Award from the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) for selfless service, determination, innovation and ideals that are changing the world. Garnsey was chosen from more than 1.8 million Catholic school students across the country. Garnsey will be presented with the prestigious NCEA Medal of Honor and Certificate at Holy Cross School during the week leading up to National Catholic Schools Week (CSW).

One day in March of 2017, while Reagan was having lunch with her close friend, Michele, the idea for the Buckets of Love Foundation was formed. They brainstormed various ways they could serve their community and decided to make a particular effort to help better the lives of children. Reagan's younger sister, Payton, joined the team to help realize their goals, and they established an official 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in the state of Delaware. Their work included a wide range of components such as website and video creation, a letter-writing campaign, and finding and washing buckets. Since that time, the foundation has brought 6,829 Buckets of Love to young children who are sick, homeless, or experiencing other challenging situations. In all 50 states, these Buckets of Love—which contain toys, games, and crafts—have brought joy to children who need it most.

The Youth Virtues, Valor and Vision Awards program is made possible, in part, through the generosity and support of Cross Catholic Outreach, a Catholic ministry whose mission is to mobilize the global Catholic Church to transform the poor and their communities materially and spiritually for the glory of Jesus Christ. Cross Catholic offers dynamic programs and free resources to Catholic educators to engage students in faith-in-action service projects and works of mercy. For more information about Cross Catholic Outreach, please go to www.crosscatholic.org/PSCD.

To say God turns away from the sinful is like saying that the sun hides from the blind.
St. Anthony, Abbot

