

Believe and see the glory of God.



PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON – CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE

OCTOBER 4, 2019

Pause and Ponder

October – Jesus Heals an Official's Son at Capernaum in Galilee (John 4:46-54)

Virtuous Action – Asking for Assistance

In his book, *Give and Take*, Adam Grant, a professor at the University of Pennsylvania, writes about the differences between givers and takers. Without expending much time on these differences, I would suggest that most of us in Catholic education are givers. While this characteristic is admirable, it sometimes creates in us a sense of self-reliance in that we choose not to ask others for assistance.

In the miracle of Jesus healing the official's son, we learn about the need to ask for assistance. We can assume that the official was probably most competent in what he did in his work, had oversight of others, and earned respect from his subordinates. Yet, none of these attributes would prove helpful in healing his son. It is when the official recognized that his need required assistance from another, in this case from the Lord, that he was able to find what he needed.

Our virtuous action for October is to acknowledge our need for others – to ask for assistance. Let's reflect this week on whom we can rely for assistance and express our gratitude to them for what they do for us.

Let Us Pray

+ for a **greater respect for all life** from conception to natural death, especially during Respect Life Month

Catholic Identity



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 6	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	Open House – Ursuline Academy		
Monday, October 7	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>		
	Our Lady Queen of Peace Pilgrimage	10:00 am	Holy Spirit
Tuesday, October 8	Intermediate Level Coordinators' Meeting	1:00 pm	1626
Wednesday, October 9	Founders' Day Mass with Bishop Malooly	9:00 am	St. Thomas More
	Bishop's Visit	12:00 noon	Holy Cross
Friday, October 11	<i>St. John XXIII, Pope</i>		
	T1 Interim Reports (elementary)		
Sunday, October 13	Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Monday, October 14	COLUMBUS DAY – SCHOOL HOLIDAY		
	Diocesan Offices are closed.		

Action Required

September Due Dates – Please refer to the CSO Due dates found in Administrator's Resources on the CSO Intranet to be sure your school has met the deadlines listed.

Confidential Family Survey – You are reminded that the paperwork for the annual collection of the Confidential Family Survey was due **Friday, October 4**. If your school's paperwork has not been submitted, we urge you to do so as soon as possible in order to be eligible for federal funds in the 2020-2021 school year. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the Catholic Schools Office.

Attention Needed

Level Coordinators' Meetings – Thank you to the schools represented at the Middle School Level Coordinators' meeting and the School Religion Leaders' meeting this past week. We had all but two schools represented at both meetings! Upcoming meetings are scheduled for

- **Intermediate Level – Tuesday, October 8**
- **Primary Level – Tuesday, October 15**
- **Early Childhood – Thursday, October 24**

Initial Faith Formation – Remind teachers who are expected to report to the second session of Initial Faith Formation about the meetings on **Tuesday, October 22**, 4:30 pm, at St. Francis de Sales School for the Southern Cohort, and **Thursday, October 24**, 4:00 pm, at Christ the Teacher Catholic School for the Northern Cohort. The Catholic Schools Office will send a reminder to each teacher expected to attend the second session of Initial Faith Formation. We are grateful to Rev. Rich Jasper who will present at these cohort meetings.

Vocations Awareness Day – This annual event for sixth grade students is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 6**, at Holy Cross School. You will receive more specific information in the coming weeks regarding the schedule and how to prepare students for the experience. The format of the day will once again provide many opportunities for student interaction. Please reserve your bus transportation now for this event.

Newsworthy Information



NCEA Convention 2020 – Information has been posted about the NCEA Convention 2020. Early-bird registration fees are available.

Go to <https://www.ncea.org/NCEA2020> for information.

Reasons to Celebrate

Congratulations All Saints Catholic School – 2019 Best of Wilmington Award! – All Saints Catholic School has been selected for the 2019 Best of Wilmington Award in the Catholic School category by the Wilmington Award Program. The Wilmington Award Program is an annual awards program honoring the achievements and accomplishments of local businesses throughout the Wilmington area. Recognition is given to those companies that have shown the ability to use their best practices and implemented programs to generate competitive advantages and long-term value.

***We are not on earth as museum keepers,
but to cultivate a flourishing garden of life
and to prepare a glorious future.
Saint John XXIII***