

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

Pause and Ponder

***Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will called children of God.***

Have you thought about what it means to be a child of God? That's the promise of this month's Beatitude as we strive to be peacemakers. Although at times some people take offense to being considered a child, it is actually a very freeing experience for each of us.

Children are loved unconditionally. Whether in success or failure, children are simply loved by their parents. As a child of God, it means that our success is a gift from God, but, and more importantly, our failure (sin) may be forgiven by God. It's sometimes difficult to comprehend that the Lord promises to free us from the guilt, the shame, and the pain of sin because we are his child. He loves us unconditionally.

Children are generally the heirs of their parents' estate. We have the same promise as a child of God. God's estate is heaven and our inheritance is eternal life. God will not renege on this inheritance for those who remain faithful to him. We are his adopted sons and daughters.

This seventh Beatitude is the only one which promises us that we shall be the children of God. What a great promise, what a great gift, what a great God!

Let Us Pray...

+ for Good Shepherd Catholic School which celebrates its patronal day on Sunday, April 21 – Good Shepherd Sunday

+ for school administrative professionals acknowledged for their service to Catholic education on Wednesday, April 24 – Administrative Professionals Day

+ for Saint Mark's High School celebrating a patronal day on Thursday, April 25 – Saint Mark

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, Apr 21	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>
Tuesday, Apr 23	CSO Staff Meeting, 9:00 am Evening of Sacred Music, St. John the Beloved Church, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, Apr 24	<i>Administrative Professionals' Day</i> Saint Francis de Sales Convocation, Holy Angels Church, 7:00 pm
Thursday, Apr 25	<i>Saint Mark</i> Counselors' Meeting, 1:30 pm Initial Faith Formation Make-up Session, St. Elizabeth School, 4:00 pm
Sunday, Apr 28	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>

Catholic Identity – Litany of Mary

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to our Blessed Mother. It is a time for our entire school community to recognize the tremendous role of Mary in salvation history. Let us not leave this important opportunity to the Religion class or Theology Department. It is a month for all of us to celebrate.

What is a Litany? – A litany is literally a list. It is a form of prayer in which saints are called upon to intercede for the faithful. Generally, the response to the invocation of each saint is, “Pray for us.” Among a variety of litanies are found ones to the Blessed Mother. The month of May is a good occasion to introduce students to praying a litany of the Blessed Mother. In doing so students will have the opportunity to learn about the many titles of Mary, their origins, and their meanings.

Combining the litany with artwork depicting the titles of Mary is another opportunity to show the significance of religion in art throughout the centuries. Often a favorite subject of artists, Mary in art provokes discussion about style and culture over the years.

Join the Celebrations!

Evening of Sacred Music

Tuesday, April 23

6:30 pm

St. John the Beloved Church

Saint Francis de Sales Convocation

Wednesday, April 24

7:00 pm

Holy Angels Church

Looking Ahead – Graduation

High Schools – Please submit the following information to Bishop Koenig (trubini@cdow.org) at least **two weeks before graduation**.

- Date / Time / Place
- Parking information
- Copy of program, noting specifically Bishop’s role

Asbestos Semi-Annual Report

Please remember that the Asbestos Semi-annual Report is due by **Friday, April 26**, to Amanda McLain (amclain@cdow.org). The Catholic Schools Office complies with EPA requirements in filing these reports twice each year. The form may be found on the CSO Intranet>Administrator Resources.

International Students

I-20 Signatures for Returning Students – International students returning home for the summer who intend to return to CDOW schools in September will require the Superintendent’s signature on their I-20 documents to permit the students to re-enter the United States. The Superintendent’s signature must be on the original I-20 that has been signed by the students and the student’s parents. Requests for the Superintendent’s signature should be received by ***Friday, May 17***.

I-20 College Transfers – Students planning to transfer from a CDOW high school to college will need their I-20 documents transferred. The receiving college generally provides a form requesting the transfer. The form should be forwarded to Dr. De Angelo by ***Friday, May 17***. Please contact Dr. De Angelo with any questions or concerns about this process.

Principal Position – Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School

The position of Principal of Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School with a start date of July 1, 2024 will be posted on Monday, April 22.

In accordance with Policy 4120 and the Principal Search Process for a Diocesan School, current diocesan principals are notified of the vacancy by the Superintendent. If a current principal is interested in being considered for a transfer he/she must contact the Superintendent within ten days of the notification. At the same time, he/she must inform his/her current Pastor of the request. (If applicable, the principal must also notify the President/Board Chair.) Upon receiving the transfer request, the Superintendent will decide upon one of the following:

- An interview will be granted to the current diocesan principal and a recommendation will be made to the Bishop; if a transfer is deemed acceptable and agreed upon, the Principal Search Process is concluded.
- The current principal will be invited to participate in the full Principal Search Process with other candidates and will be granted an interview with the Principal Search Committee.

A current principal who applies for the vacancy after ten days, but before the deadline, will be interviewed with other candidates as part of the full search process.

**TO CALL YOURSELF A CHILD OF GOD IS ONE THING.
TO BE CALLED A CHILD OF GOD BY THOSE WHO WATCH YOUR
LIFE IS ANOTHER THING ALTOGETHER.**

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