

# PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

Diocese of Wilmington—Catholic Schools Office

March 15, 2024

## ***Pause and Ponder***

***Blessed are the clean of heart,  
for they will see God.***

*Determined. Driven. Directed. Intent.*

*All of these synonyms are compliments to one who is focused on accomplishing a task, completing a project, or simply living life. We encourage children and adults to have a plan and work the plan to live a fulfilling life. Countless books, videos, conferences, and consultants seek to lead us in this way.*

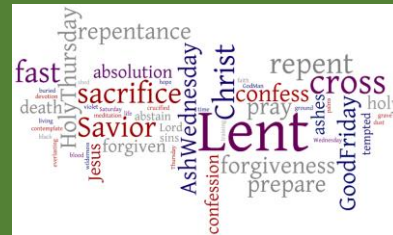
*Could the same terms apply to our spiritual life? Are we “working the work” to become the disciple we are called to be?*

*As we look at the sixth Beatitude, the goal is clear – to see God. The plan is simple – be clean of heart. All of the distractions that move us away from a single-hearted focus on following Jesus Christ detract us from the goal.*

*We have what we need to be a faithful disciple. We need only to stay focused on the plan each day – daily prayer, regular reception of the Sacraments of Penance and Reconciliation and Eucharist, and charitable speech and action. Working this plan will surely lead us to be among the blessed of God.*

## ***Let Us Pray...***

***+ that as Jesus laid down His life for us, so we may find strength to sacrifice ourselves for others, especially the poor, the weak, the unborn, and the unwanted***



## ***Weekly Calendar***

***Sunday, Mar 17***

***Fifth Sunday of Lent***

***Renaissance Star Assessment – Week 3***

***Monday, Mar 18***

***CSO Staff Meeting, 1:30 pm  
Y2 Mentoring Meeting, Christ  
the Teacher Catholic School,  
4:00 pm***

***Tuesday, Mar 19***

***Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary***

***Administrators' Meeting, St.  
Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish,  
9:15 am***

***Y2 Mentoring Meeting, Holy  
Cross School, 4:00 pm***

***Wednesday, Mar 20***

***Bishop's Visit @ Aquinas  
Academy, 10:00 am***

***Saturday, Mar 23***

***CYM Pilgrimage, 10:00 am***

***Sunday, Mar 24***

***Palm Sunday of the Passion  
of the Lord***

## ***Catholic Identity – Lenten Lesson #6***

Follow-up from last week...The answer may be found at the end of this memo.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may be administered each time the believer falls seriously ill or an illness worsens.

- a. True
- b. False

### Marriage and Holy Orders

1. The Sacraments of Marriage and Holy Orders are known as Sacraments of Vocation.
2. Spouses, as ministers of Christ's grace, mutually confer upon each other the Sacrament of Marriage by expressing their consent before the Church.
3. In the Sacrament of Holy Orders, there are three degrees or "orders": bishop, priest and deacon.

## ***Important Information***

### ***Holy Week***

As we prepare for the most solemn week of the liturgical year, our schools should reflect the prayer and atmosphere of Holy Week. Please consider remembering the events of Holy Week through a prayer service, in-school retreat day, a day or period of silence, Stations of the Cross, or some other way that reflects these most special days.

Easter celebrations should be reserved until after Easter – a difficult request, but there are 50 days of celebrating the Resurrection!

By modeling what we know to be true, we teach our young people that the secular world does not dictate our faith life.

### **Annual CYM Pilgrimage**

**"Blessed are They"**

**"Bienaventurados son ellos"**

**Saturday, March 23, 2024**

**Wilmington, DE**

[Registration is open now!](#)

We welcome parish groups, youth ministries, young adult groups, schools, and families to join us on March 23<sup>rd</sup> as we celebrate our faith, pray together, and prepare for Holy Week. You won't want to miss the chance to join hundreds of other young people in this blessed event!

For more information and to register, click the link or head over to

<https://www.cdowcym.org/events/detail/pilgrimage-2024>

## ***Administrators' Meeting – March 19***

In preparation for the Administrators' Meeting on **Tuesday, March 19**, please review the attached draft document, Professional Standards for Principals. Your review of the document **prior to** the meeting will allow time at the meeting to discuss ideas, questions, and comments.

## ***Reconciliation Monday – March 25***

Please remind families about Reconciliation Monday through school communications.

A poster for Reconciliation Monday. The background is a sunset sky with a silhouette of Jesus on the cross on the right. The text is in large, bold, blue letters. At the bottom, there is white text and a Diocese of Wilmington logo.

**PREPARE YOUR HEART  
FOR EASTER  
RECONCILIATION  
MONDAY  
MARCH 25 3-8 PM**

**VISIT A CATHOLIC CHURCH IN DELAWARE OR MARYLAND'S  
EASTERN SHORE DURING OUR EXTENDED CONFESSION HOURS.  
VISIT CDOW.ORG TO FIND A CHURCH NEAR YOU.**

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## ***St. Francis de Sales Convocation – April 24***

Information about the St. Francis de Sales Convocation, at which Bishop Koenig recognizes Catholic high school seniors for faith, scholarship, leadership, service, and citizenship, will be forthcoming next week to secondary schools.

Elementary administrators are invited to join secondary administrators at this event. Please note the date on your calendar!

***Answer to Lenten Lesson #6 Question – A***

THE STRENGTH OF GOD PILOT US,  
THE WISDOM OF GOD INSTRUCT US,  
THE HAND OF GOD PROTECT US,  
THE WORD OF GOD DIRECT US.

SAINT PATRICK

