



CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

Dear Green Wave Parents, Students and Friends,

He is Risen! Happy Easter to all of you. For me, this Easter was unlike any other I have experienced. However, I have heard it said by people much smarter than me, that we actually shared in the uncertainty felt by the followers of Christ during that first Triduum. The pain of loss and the fear of the unknown without Christ; we can, in a way, relate to. What we cannot forget during this time of physical separation from the sacraments, is that Christ is as present in our lives as He was to the Apostles in the Resurrection. We must simply go to Him. So the question becomes, what will we do when we can return to Mass and the sacraments? How will this time have changed us?

Every week we will provide faith links to draw us closer to Christ and to His Church:

The Holy Father, Pope Francis gave his blessing to the faithful all over the world at his celebration of Easter Mass from St. Peter's Basilica. May we unite the suffering of the present time with Christ on the cross, and may we find joy in His Resurrection.

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/pope-francis-easter-blessing-may-christ-dispel-the-darkness-of-our-suffering-humanity-79431>

Faith resources to help you and your student navigate this time together and in faith and love for Jesus Christ

St. Padre Pio, was an Italian priest, stigmatic (shared in the physical wounds of Christ on the cross) and mystic. A survivor of the Spanish Flu outbreak in the early 20th Century, Padre Pio is a saint for our time. “Pray, hope, and don’t worry.” <https://www.ncregister.com/blog/lauradittus/these-5-maxims-from-padre-pio-will-help-you-get-through-coronavirus>

This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. Instituted by Pope John Paul II, Divine Mercy comes from revelations from Christ to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, a young Polish girl in the 1930’s. Her revelations are compiled in her diary and have become the basis for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/prayers/divine-mercy-sunday.cfm>

Social Media feeds of the week: Sr. Miriam James of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (solt.net). @onegroovynun on Twitter

Justin Fatica, founder of Hard as Nails Ministries. @JustinFatica on Twitter and justinfatica on Instagram

Senior students and parents: It is never too early to think about getting involved with groups like FOCUS, the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (@FOCUScatholic on Twitter and focuscatholic on Instagram) and St. Paul’s Outreach (@sponational on Twitter and sponational on Instagram) next year. More information will be going out to Seniors about what is offered on their campuses next year as we get closer to summer.

I would like to end this week by sharing with you a portion of the Easter message from Archbishop Jose Gomez of Los Angeles, President of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops:

“...Christ is risen and we will rise with him! This is the promise of Easter. And God does not withdraw his promise, even when Easter comes during a pandemic. So, let us stay close to Jesus. And let us stay close to Mary our Blessed Mother. May she help us to always carry our cross with her Son, that we may be raised up with him and share in his Resurrection.”

May God Bless you and your families as we begin this Easter season. Stay safe!

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For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.