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# CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Green Wave Parents, Students and Friends,

Happy Easter! Yes, we Catholics can still wish each other a Happy Easter for a few more weeks. As I write this, we are celebrating the Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena. St. Catherine holds a special place at Newark Catholic as she is the patron saint of our Chapel. Born during a plague in 1347, Catherine became associated with the Dominican Order as a young girl (we owe so much of our heritage in faith to the Dominican Sisters who taught and lived at Newark Catholic for many years).

Famous for her love and care for the poor as well as convincing the Pope to return to Rome from the Avignon exile (<https://www.catholic.com/magazine/online-edition/how-st-catherine-brought-the-pope-back-to-rome>), St. Catherine would go on to become a Doctor of the Church due to her writings later in her life. She died at 33 years old. May we look to her as a model for faithful perseverance during this difficult time.

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

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

This week, Bishop Brennan released a new letter outlining a slow return to opening parishes for public mass. Starting with Reconciliation by appointment, we now have a timetable for the resumption of reception of the Sacraments. Through the intercession of St. John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests, may the Lord watch over our Shepherds as they guide their flock. You can find the entire letter from Bishop Brennan here:

<https://columbuscatholic.org/coronavirus-updates>

If you are like me, you have been looking for something new to watch. I grew up loving sports, and always admired the Chicago Bulls with Michael Jordan. The shoes, the jerseys, the game day introductions, I loved it all. So when the first few parts of The Last Dance documentary on the '98 Bulls started airing a few weeks ago, I was glued. While we may not realize it, there are spiritual lessons that can be gathered even in watching the Michael Jordan led Bulls. <https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/blog/be-like-mike-jordans-work-ethic-can-enrich-your-spiritual-life/27187/>

Friday is May 1st! We would normally have our May Crowning together as a school, but since we can't be together, I invite you to join with the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, led by Archbishop Gomez of Los Angeles in a re-consecration of our nation to Our Blessed Mother at 3pm. Further information and liturgy guides can be found here: <http://www.usccb.org/about/communications/consecration.cfm>

Social Media feeds of the week: Bishop J. Strickland of the Diocese of Tyler, Texas @Bishopoftyler on Twitter

Mark Hart, CIO and Executive VP of Life Teen, @LT\_TheBiblegeek on Twitter and biblegeek on Instagram

I would like to end this week by posing a challenge to you. May is the month dedicated to Mary. This May, even though finding the time to pray may seem difficult right now, I challenge you to rededicate yourself to the praying of the Rosary. Even if it has been a while or you have never prayed it before, lets bring any struggles and suffering to Jesus Christ through His Mother, Mary. Ascension Press has a live Rosary <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/live-rosary-schedule> and here is a "How To" from the USCCB: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/rosaries/how-to-pray-the-rosary.cfm>

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

God Bless you all and stay safe!

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