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# CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Green Wave Parents, Students and Friends,

Happy Easter! As we move into May, we can begin to see a light at the end of this quarantine tunnel. While that may not mean a return to normal as it was before, the things that signified normality are slowly coming back into our lives. Everyone definitely needs a haircut. A return to the comforts of everyday life will be a welcomed change. However, it is not in our comfort that we find Jesus Christ. His preaching made people uneasy. He challenged those around Him. One of the great misunderstandings about Christ is that He simply accepted the sinner. While He does in fact love the sinner, He did not encounter people and leave them in their sinfulness. They were transformed in Christ. Matthew the Tax Collector, Mary Magdalene, Peter in his weakness, all tremendous examples of becoming new in Jesus. A good friend of mine used to share this quote from Pope Benedict XVI: “The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness.” May we come to know the greatness of God’s plan for our lives through this time.

Faith resources to help you and your student navigate this time together and in faith and love for Jesus Christ. Above: Bishop Brennan took the time early in the school year to meet with the Senior Kairos Leadership Team.

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

Last week was Good Shepherd Sunday, a day to celebrate our Holy Priests and to pray for in an increase in vocations. The diocese has shared many resources on strengthening your vocation on the Vocations Office website, [www.seekholiness.com](http://www.seekholiness.com) and at @FaceForwardCols on Twitter and [faceforwardcolumbus.com](http://faceforwardcolumbus.com) Please pray for our Bishop, Priests, Deacons, and Religious. Keep Seminarian Jake Asuncion (NC Class of 2014), and all those NC graduates and current students discerning Consecrated Life!

On May 6, Pope Francis furthered the cause for sainthood for five men and women. Among those five is a young Italian man who died in 2009 at the age of . Matteo Farina, who had a deep devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the sacrament of reconciliation, is in the third step toward becoming a saint. Venerable Matteo Farina, along with Blessed Carlo Acutis (a young man who was adept at using the internet, while living a holy life) and Blessed Chiara Badano (an 18 year old girl who, while dying from a rare bone cancer, refused pain killers), are tremendous examples for NC students on how to live a life of holiness in the world today. You can learn more about Venerable Matteo Farina here: <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/italian-teen-who-died-in-2009-declared-venerable-by-pope-francis-22783>

Parents! Do not think I have forgotten about you. St. Therese of Lisieux's parents, Louis and Zelig Martin, the first modern married couple to be canonized as saints, offer some spiritual advice for dealing with tough times: <https://aleteia.org/cp1/2020/05/07/sts-louis-and-zelig-martins-recipe-to-get-through-difficult-trials/>

Social Media feeds of the week: Father Mike Schmitz @fathermikeschmitz on Instagram and on YouTube at Ascension Presents.

Father Josh Johnson, Priest of the Diocese of Baton Rouge @frjoshjohnson on Twitter, Fr. Josh Johnson on YouTube and you can also find Fr. Josh on Ascension Presents.

This coming Sunday is Mother's Day. Thank you to all the NC mothers for your witness in faith and everything you do for your children! In Amoris Laetitia, Pope Francis offers this thank you to Mothers: "Dear Mothers, Thank you for what you are in your families and what you give to the Church and the world." God Bless you all and stay safe!

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**Jake and I after the closing Mass of Kairos 2020.**  
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