



CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

Dear Green Wave Parents, Students and Friends,

As we inch closer to the end of the school year, and the end of the Easter season in the Church, I am reminded of a word that has come to mean a lot to me. That word is surrender. We have had to surrender part of the school year together. The senior students have had to surrender so much of their final few months of school. And yet, surrender is part of who we are as Catholic Christians. We are to let go of the things of this world, no matter how much we look forward to them. Pope Francis has called for a worldwide day of prayer and fasting for all faiths today, May 14. Fasting calls us to surrender our will, to unite us with Christ on the cross. We know of our fasting days during Lent and Fridays as days of abstinence, but it can

Faith resources to help you and your student navigate this time together and in faith and love for Jesus Christ. Above: Our Lady of the Rosary in our Rosary Walk.

become part of our normal prayer routine. So whenever you read this, today or two weeks from now, consider a day of fasting to surrender ourselves to God's will in our lives: to love Him and serve others.

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

Yesterday was the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, the feast day of Our Lady speaking with three young children in Fatima, Portugal in 1917. Fatima has had worldwide implications since, as the secrets revealed to the children have subsequently come true. Venerable Bishop Fulton J. Sheen covered Fatima in his TV show in the 1950's. It is tremendous look at the historical significance of Fatima and the implications that it continues to have on the world: <https://youtu.be/YWzPU1oeViM> Our diocese has shared some resources on Fatima as well, with a link to age appropriate questions and answers: http://www.fatimacentennial.com/question-answer?utm_source=hootsuite&utm_medium=&utm_term=&utm_content=&utm_campaign=

May 18 marks 100 years since the birth of Saint John Paul the Great. As Pope, he was dedicated to Mary, particularly Our Lady of Fatima and was a champion for life and for young people. He holds a special place in my heart as he was the Pope of my youth. I often marvel at how I can remember his voice, as he was fluent in English. We can learn more about his impact in our world here:

<https://www.ncregister.com/blog/fatherlandry/10-ways-john-paul-ii-was-an-amazing-gift-to-the-church> Saint John Paul the Great, pray for us!

I am a big fan of podcasts. My students often chuckle about it when I reference one in class. Here are some of my favorites which you can find on any podcast app: Catholic Stuff You Should Know (four young priests out of the diocese of Denver), Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire Show (his half hour dive into specific faith related topics or question and answer).

Social Media feeds of the week: Chris Stefainick, Catholic speaker and founder of Real Life Catholic. @ChrisStefanick on Twitter and chris.stefanick on Instagram.

Jason Evert, Catholic chastity speaker and founder of The Chastity Project. @jasonevert on Twitter and jasonevert on Instagram.

May is the month of Mary and one of the challenges of Fatima is dedication to saying the Rosary. On Friday's in May, I will be leading a digital Rosary. It will be posted on our social media channels, so please join me in prayer and know that I will be praying for your intentions. Let's us pray together the prayer Our Lady gave to the children at Fatima: O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, and save us from the fires of Hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of thy mercy.

God Bless you all.

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