

# Message From The Pastor

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## Neither Will I forget, Nor Regret

It was my first day as a student of high school. Finally, after nine years of attending Public School #7, (Kindergarten through eighth grade), I was a freshman of Passaic County Tech!!!

However, the evening prior to the big day, my mother insisted I had to wear proper and professional clothes! She insisted I wear a white dress shirt, blue polyester pants, blue dress socks and black shoes.

That morning, I did as she insisted. I felt like a weirdo once I left my house. And at the bus stop, I was looked at by other students as if I was “one sandwich short of a picnic”

Throughout the day I was quite conscious of what I was wearing. Well, to me, it just did not seem the correct wardrobe for my first class in Automotive Shop. And, since it was a hot September day, I learned polyester was not the material most welcoming to stay cool. Plus, a white shirt tends to stain if you splash some of your lunch of sloppy joe on a soft roll.

Deliverance came for my simple mind when I got on the bus to go home from Tech. I sat quietly on the bus, and just before it reached the stop from which I would get off, I loosened the laces of my shoes. I stepped off the bus, then, as my feet landed on Preakness Avenue, I kicked off both of my shoes! Salvation! Finally, I could relax. The first day of high school was over, dressed as if I was a gentleman going for a job interview at the local funeral home. I could not wait to inform my mother of her mistake about the clothes she insisted I wear.

But, when I got home my mother said she was proud of me. Mom said, “As you walked home with the others, you were the only one dressed as you should for school.”

Lesson: Sometimes we ought to do what we can to make our mother and father happy, even it is a sacrifice. Each of us has one mother and one father

who are responsible for our existence in life. To do what we can to make them happy, is all worth it. Although it was not easy, today, I am glad I dressed as I did for the first day of high school- strange as it was!

Peace

Fr. Marc