



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January

Religious Minorities in Asia

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February

Say "No" to Corruption

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.



Catholic Schools Week 2018

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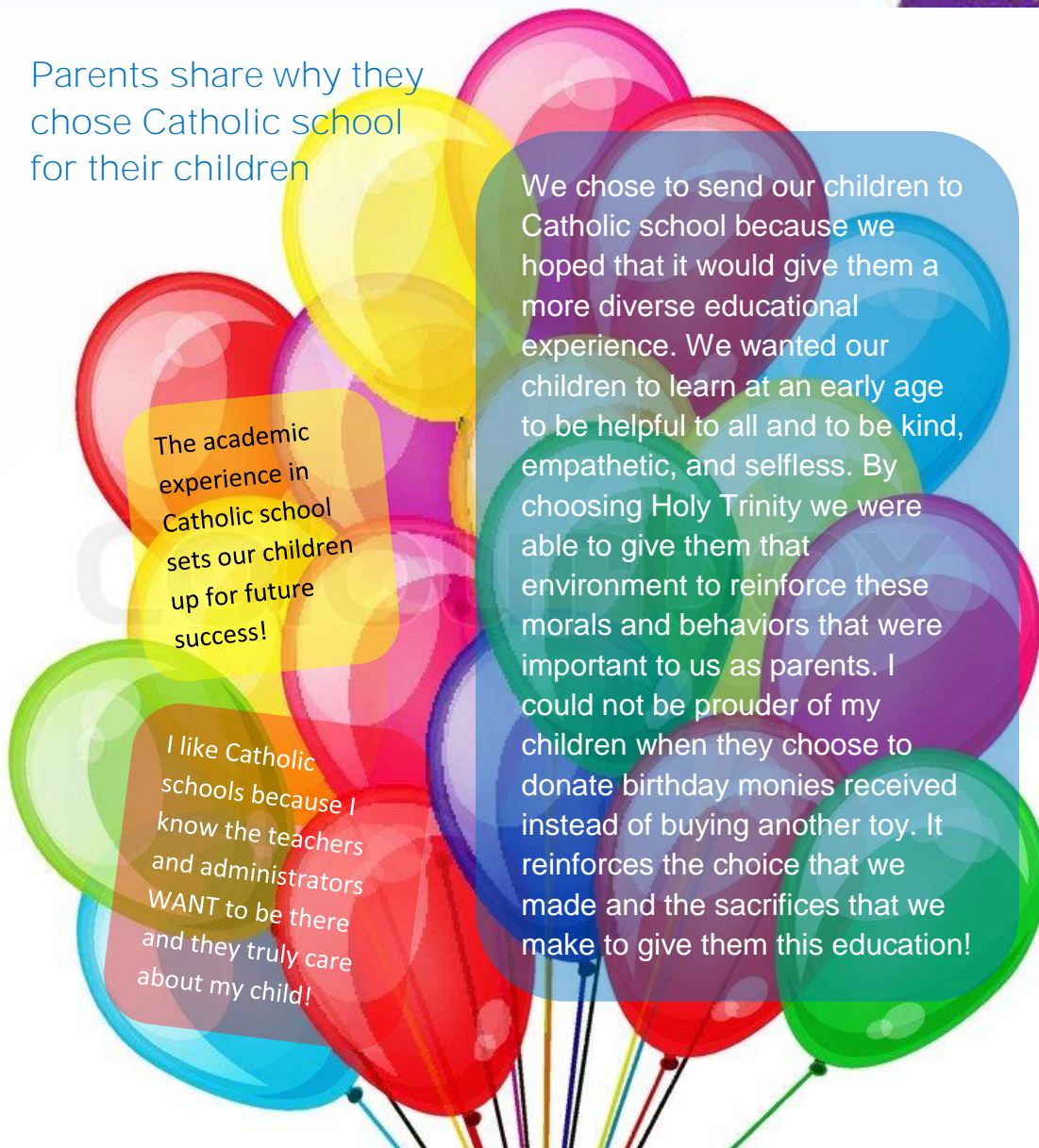
January 28-
February 3

Parents share why they chose Catholic school for their children

We chose to send our children to Catholic school because we hoped that it would give them a more diverse educational experience. We wanted our children to learn at an early age to be helpful to all and to be kind, empathetic, and selfless. By choosing Holy Trinity we were able to give them that environment to reinforce these morals and behaviors that were important to us as parents. I could not be prouder of my children when they choose to donate birthday monies received instead of buying another toy. It reinforces the choice that we made and the sacrifices that we make to give them this education!

The academic experience in Catholic school sets our children up for future success!

I like Catholic schools because I know the teachers and administrators WANT to be there and they truly care about my child!





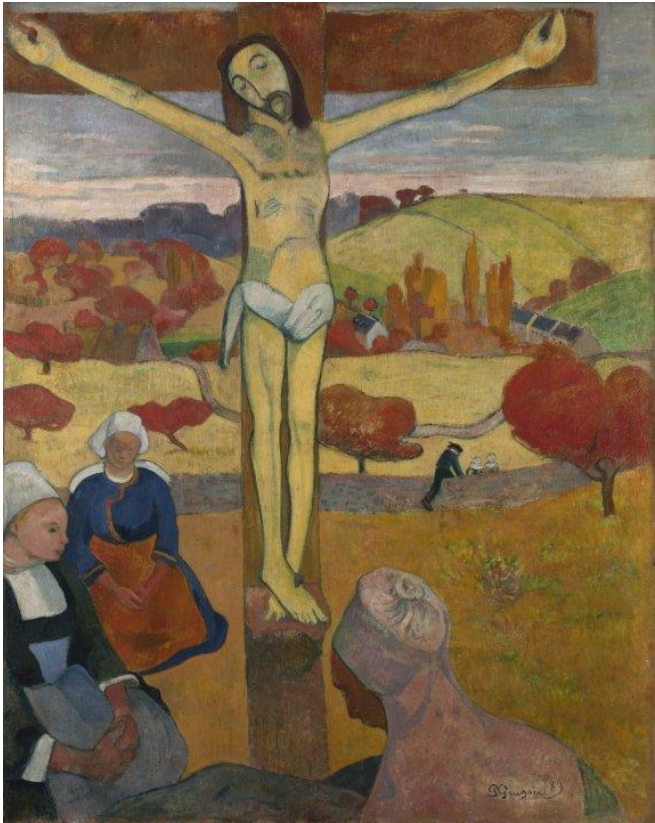
The little yellow star marks Ecuador, where Britney lives!

Joan, a member of the Advisory Council's Catholic Identity Committee, writes about her recent travels:

While visiting Panama in January I took a boat ride to the Isla de Taboga, the Isle of flowers. As we walked around the island we were told that Saint Rose of Lima was born there on April 20, 1586. She and her parents lived in a small house on the beach near Playa Hondo on the northern side of the island. The lovely little house is still there. Her father Gaspar Flores was a Spaniard and her mother Maria de Oliva was an Indian. Together they had 13 children. I visited the beautiful church where she was baptized (pictured below).

Shortly after, the family moved to Peru, where Peruvians refer to her as Santa Rosa de Lima de Taboga, and lived in Lima, where Rose helped support her family by carrying out domestic duties and selling flowers. She was a lay member of the Dominican Order and was known for her humility and kindness to those in need. Many came to her for comfort and guidance for their salvation.

She died when she was only 31 and is the patron saint of gardeners and florists. She is honored in many other parts of South America, in Mexico, and in the Philippines.



Paul Gauguin
 French, 1848-1903
Le Christ jaune (The Yellow Christ), 1889
 oil on canvas

Paul Gauguin, a famous post-impressionist painter, also lived on the island for a little time around 1887. He was influenced by the flowers and bright colors which inspired his later work. He was there because he worked a little on the Panama Canal when the French had attempted to build it and failed.



Iglesia San Pedro, the second oldest church in the entire Western Hemisphere