
From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Parents and Guardians,

What a difference a year makes! Last April, students and teachers were not in school because of the coronavirus, and therefore we did not have an April newsletter. We found ourselves busy adapting to the changes in teaching and learning. Over this past year, we have risen above the obstacles, and we are successfully carrying on. Our students are happy to be involved in their education, whether they are learning in person or virtually. We have worked diligently to reinvent our usual observances and events so that everyone is involved safely.

In keeping with our mission to lead our children towards sainthood, we are preparing the students for Easter and Jesus' Resurrection. We attend the Stations of the Cross at Epiphany with a few classes at a time. We are live streaming our Thursday Lenten Prayer Services where selected grades lead us in prayer. Our little ones are skip-ping down the hall to remove a thorn from Jesus' crown because they are praying, performing kindnesses, forgiving others, and giving unselfishly to others. No doubt, the crown will be thorn free by Easter.

Thank you to all who have sent in cans for the Patrician Society so that we may help those in our community. Even though the students are shooting for a goal of one hundred cans for their class, we remind them often of the rea-son we are collecting the cans. Our eighth grade is preparing their Living Stations Presentation which this year will be performed virtually. Their reverent devotion to depicting the Way of the Cross is beautiful.

We ask that you continue to prepare your children for the Lord's Resurrection by attending Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday services at your parishes, whether virtually or in person. Our children take notice of what we do more than you would think. At our faculty retreat a few weeks ago, Fr. Eric Bannecker shared an interesting fact. Sociologists have found that the children who continue to practice their faith as adults, is attributable to their observance of their **fathers** actively practicing their religion through the years.

Thank you for your prayers and support during this last year. We continue to pray for you and your families.

God's graces to you!
Mary Ann Gilman

