

ST. ADELAIDE ACADEMY



Developing Catholic Stewards, Scholars and Leaders



January 4, 2021

Dear St. Adelaide families,

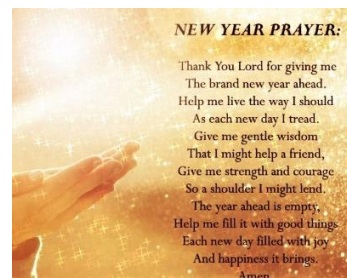
Happy New Year! I pray that you and your family had a blessed Christmas. May this new year be filled with new opportunities, hope, health and a renewed strength in our faith.

On Friday, January 15th, our School Mass at 8:15 will be a "Memorial Mass" for Smiley Hernandez, Ms. Virginia's husband, who passes away in December. Smiley was a great supporter of our school and helped in countless ways. He will be missed. This is a way for our school families to support the Hernandez family by joining us in person or by watching online. Please keep in mind that the 100-person limit for Mass attendance is still in place.

I thank you for your commitment to Catholic education and all that you do to support St. Adelaide Academy. We are grateful for your partnership with our school staff which is focused on the education and spiritual growth of your children. If you have resources that would help our school, please let me know.

Blessings,

Mrs. Malouf, Principal



PRAYER CORNER

Many in our school families are in need of prayers. Please pray for those who have recently lost loved ones, those who are battling illness, those who are dealing with financial challenges, those dealing with emotional or mental challenges, and those dealing with stress. We ask for the Lord to provide them with the peace and comfort they need.



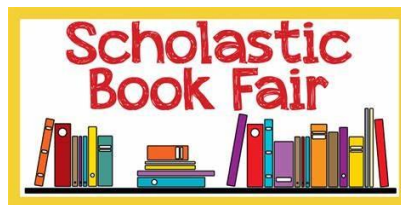
WARM CLOTHING/BLANKET DRIVE

We are leading a service project to help those who do not have enough to stay warm during these cold winter months. Please take some time to go through your closets in the next few weeks. We are collecting new or gently used winter clothing and blankets to donate to Mary's Mercy Center. Please drop off items in the container on the school porch by January 15th. Thank you in advance for your generosity to those in need.



VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR

This year our Book Fair will be virtual. What is a virtual Book Fair?? It's an interactive, engaging, and fun shopping experience for the whole family! You'll feel like you're at the Scholastic Book Fair—without the lines. 😊 Our Scholastic Book Fair this year will begin during Catholic Schools Week. It will run for two weeks, from January 31st through February 13th. A link will be sent out prior to the event. You are welcome to share this with friends and family.



MAKE-UP PICTURE DAY

Lifetouch will be on campus on January 29th from 12-4 to take pictures of those who were unable to have their picture taken in November. If your child had their picture taken in November, there is no need to come for this retake day. It is important for all to have their picture taken so they can be in the class picture and the yearbook. **Students must wear Mass attire for pictures.** A schedule with details will be sent out prior to the date.



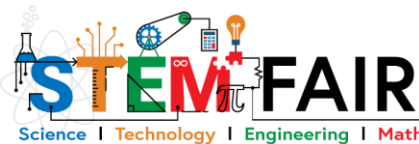
RUMMAGE SALE

The school will be holding a giant rummage sale in the Spring. Please start cleaning out your closets and garage. We will not be able to accept large pieces of furniture or mattresses. We will let you know when you can begin to drop off items. If you would like to help with this event and earn service hours, please contact Virginia at vhernandez@sbdioocese.org.



STEM FAIR

Our Middle School Students will be presenting their Stem Fair projects via Zoom on January 21st. Mrs. Pettitt has been working with the students in preparation for the event. We are sure to see some great scientific work! We are in need of judges who can participate from home. Each presentation will be no more than 7 minutes. If you are able to help judge, please contact Mrs. Pettitt at mpettitt@sbdioocese.org Thank you!



STAR TESTING

Students will be tested next Tuesday and Wednesday, January 12th and 13th, in the areas of Reading and Math. These are standardized tests and are important to give the teachers and the administration important data to determine your child's strengths and needed areas of growth. This data will guide instruction and help your child to grow academically. **It is important that these tests are done independently so that teachers can get a true assessment to best help your child.** Please help by doing the following:

- Make sure your child is well rested and eats a healthy breakfast.
- Provide a quiet place for your child to concentrate during testing.
- Encourage your child to use the restroom before testing; the test will time out if your child takes too long to answer a question.
- Encourage your child to do their best.



OFFICE CLOSURE

In an effort to limit contact and keep everyone safe and healthy, the school office will only be open for essential business by appointment until further notice. You are encouraged to do most of your business by phone or email. Mrs. Malouf can be contacted at bgustafson@sbdioocese.org and Virginia can be reached at vhernandez@sbdioocese.org. We urge you to continue to purchase Scrip. Virginia will be happy to work with you to arrange pick up times. Parents of students in younger grades are still able to come on to campus to pick up work packets.



SCHOOL WAIVER

The school applied for a waiver for grades K-5 to return to campus. At this time, our application has been denied because of the spike of positive COVID-19 cases in the county. It will be automatically reconsidered when the COVID numbers improve. We continue to pray for an end to the pandemic and safe return of our students on campus. I will inform you when the California Department of Public Health approves our waiver. Our middle school students are not able to return to on-campus instruction until the county is in the red tier, based on guidelines from the Health Department.



CAR RAFFLE

Don't forget to sell your Catholic Education Foundation Car Raffle Tickets. If you haven't picked up your tickets, the office will be open from 8-12 this week. Please call (909) 862-5851 before coming on campus.

In previous years, this raffle was done in conjunction with the Bishop's Golf Tournament. The Golf Tournament will not be held this year, but the car raffle will still support scholarships provided by the diocese.

This year, a 2021 Ford Mustang is being raffled. All proceeds benefit our Diocesan Catholic Schools. Each family is required to sell 10 tickets at \$10.00 each. **This is not an optional fundraiser.** 50% of all ticket sales will go toward your fundraising obligation.

Please return all money and ticket stubs to the school office by February 1, 2021. Any money or ticket stubs not turned in, will be charged to your FACTS account.

If you choose not to sell tickets to others and instead purchase them by charging your FACTS account, be sure to fill out the ticket stubs. Keep in mind that these tickets can help someone who may not be able to fully afford a Catholic education.

We have a few extra tickets in the school office for anyone who would like to sell more.

Thank you and Good Luck!



ENDOWMENT

The Bishop's Catholic Schools Endowment forms are available for families who may need some assistance with tuition. Last year, over 200 families in our diocese received scholarships from \$500 to \$1000. All forms and needed documentation must be submitted to the school office by January 29, 2021. No late or incomplete packets will be accepted or considered by the Diocesan Scholarship Committee. Please call the school office at (909) 862-5851 to arrange a time to pick up a packet. Packets are also available on our school website under the Parents tab. www.stadelaideacademy.org Please keep in mind that these scholarships are funded by the car raffle.



REPORTING POSITIVE CASES OR CONTACT

In an effort to keep everyone safe, we are asking you to report any instances of positive COVID-19 cases or contact with positive cases if you or your child has been on campus within 5 days of the contact or positive case. We must follow the guidelines for testing, reporting and quarantine when necessary. All who are affected will be contacted if there was potential exposure to you or your child. **All reporting must go directly to Mrs.**

Malouf, bgustafson@sbdioocese.org. Thank you for understanding.

Please stay safe and keep all those affected by this virus in your prayers!



SCRIP

Scrip is a great way you can reach your fundraising goal. We have several gift cards for grocery stores, gas stations, retail stores, home repair stores, restaurants and Amazon. You purchase the gift cards at face value and the school receives a percentage of the sales. Call the school office or contact Virginia at vhernandez@sbdiocese.org to make arrangements to purchase Scrip. Order forms with a list of available cards are on our website. All physical cards must be purchased through the office. If you have a special order that we may not keep in stock, let us know. You can also purchase e-cards. Look on our website for details on how to sign up for that part of the program.



SCHOOL CENTS

Our school is currently in 4th Place!

Please help our school earn up to \$2000 through the School Cents Program at the Inland Center Mall. Many of the stores in the mall are open. You could help our school by logging your receipts. You can log in your receipts online by going to <http://www.shoppingpartnership.com/inland/> Another option is to bring your receipts to the school office and we will log them for you.

We will earn 4x the points (200 points per dollar spent) for purchases made from November 16 through January 15th.



BISHOP BARNES' RETIREMENT

Please read the following Diocesan announcement made on December 28, 2020:

"Exactly 25 years to the day after Bishop Gerald Barnes was appointed to be the second Bishop of San Bernardino, the Vatican announced that his retirement has been accepted by Pope Francis and his successor, Bishop Alberto Rojas, now assumes leadership of the nation's fifth largest diocese.

A statement released by the Vatican Press Office early Monday morning declared that "the Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the Diocese of

San Bernardino, United States of America, presented by Bishop Gerald Richard Barnes. He is succeeded by Bishop Alberto Rojas, until now coadjutor of the same diocese."

The announcement automatically triggered the installation of Bishop Rojas as the Ordinary Bishop of the Diocese of San Bernardino. An Ordinary Bishop assumes full responsibility for the teaching, sanctifying, and governing of a diocese, and reports only to the Holy Father. Bishop Rojas was announced as the Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese on December 2, 2019. A Coadjutor Bishop works alongside the Ordinary Bishop for a period of time before succeeding him upon his retirement. "In God's name and forever grateful, I begin my ministry in the Diocese of San Bernardino as Ordinary Bishop," Bishop Rojas said in a recorded message to the faithful released Monday. "While continuing to listen and learn more about our large and diverse Diocese, I would like to build on the momentum that is clearly present here."

Per Church law, Bishop Barnes submitted his letter of resignation to Pope Francis last June 22, his 75th birthday. He had been informed by the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, Archbishop Christophe Pierre, that his time as Ordinary Bishop of San Bernardino would be extended up to a year beyond his retirement age.

Bishop Barnes released a statement Monday on his retirement, expressing gratitude for his years leading and working with the local Catholic community. He now holds the title Bishop Emeritus of San Bernardino.

"Thank you for all you have shared with me," he said. "Thank you for your prayers, your support, the sharing of your gifts and for your constructive criticism.

"I move on now to retirement and with you I greet our new leader, Bishop Alberto Rojas. May he experience the joy, the faith and the hope that our Diocese has to offer, and may we all continue to impact family, neighborhood and society with the Gospel so that people's lives are filled with hope."

At the time of his retirement, Bishop Barnes was the longest serving bishop in a single diocese in the United States. A native of East Los Angeles, he served as a priest in the Archdiocese of San Antonio for 17 years before returning to Southern California to become the first Auxiliary Bishop of the young Diocese of San Bernardino in 1992. Three years later he succeeded Bishop Phillip Straling to become the second Ordinary Bishop in the history of the Diocese.

Under Bishop Barnes' leadership, the Diocese of San Bernardino became nationally recognized for its development of adult faith formation and education programs, the integration of diverse cultures into the life and leadership of the local Church, and for the implementation of comprehensive policies and actions to address and prevent the sexual abuse of minors by clergy and lay church employees. Bishop Barnes also has played a prominent role in the U.S. Catholic Church's advocacy for comprehensive reform of federal immigration law. He served as Chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee of Migration and Refugee Service from 1997-2003.

Bishop Rojas takes the reins of the Diocese after a tumultuous year caused by the global COVID-19 pandemic. The 93 parishes of the Diocese have been unable since March of 2020 to hold Mass in their churches at full capacity. This has interrupted the traditional

flow of income to the parishes and the Diocese - the weekly collections taken at Mass. As a result, some parishes and Catholic schools have had to lay off employees and the Diocese has instituted a weekly furlough program to cut costs. In his message, Bishop Rojas acknowledged the difficulties facing the Diocese as he begins his time as Ordinary Bishop. He said the dynamism of the people of the Diocese and his own experience of faith will help carry the Diocese.

"In my years of ministry, from the seminary days to serving as priest and then as a bishop in Chicago, I have encountered many new challenges," he said. "I have always trusted in God's plan for me to serve His Church, and that He will give me all that I need to do his work. When I reflect on this, I have great joy and hope for our future together sisters and brothers!"

An Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Chicago for eight years prior to coming to San Bernardino, Bishop Rojas began his ministry in the Diocese in February 2020. Despite the emergence of the pandemic just a month later, Bishop Rojas established a leadership presence in the Diocese throughout 2020, traveling to parishes to celebrate weekend Masses, confirming thousands of young Catholics during the summer months, ordaining permanent deacons and, recently, Transitional Deacon Ian Hollick.

Bishop Rojas also established a strong digital presence in his first year in the Diocese. Along with Bishop Barnes, he offered a weekly livestreamed Mass from the diocesan seminary during the months that local churches were completely closed; he led a livestream of the Re-Consecration of the Diocese to the Blessed Virgin Mary; released video recordings of himself praying the Rosary, offered video messages of encouragement (along with Bishop Barnes) regarding the pandemic; and released weekly multi-media reflections during the Season of Advent.

Bishop Rojas was born in Aguascalientes, Mexico and emigrated to the United States in 1994 to complete his seminary formation at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, Illinois. He was ordained a priest in 1997, working in parish ministry and then as a teacher at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary. He was ordained a bishop in 2011, serving Episcopal Vicar in Vicariate III and then Vicariate I. He has fulfilled a number of key assignments on national committees for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) including Hispanic Affairs, Liturgy, Catholic Home Missions and, most recently, as lead bishop for Region VII of the V Encuentro, a reflection and dialogue of the U.S. Church on the growing prominence of Hispanics in the Church."



Congratulations, Bishop Rojas!