

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost? (Luke 14:28)

Few of us have needed to build a tower, much less review troops before battle. But we all have plans that require us to assess our resources. Do I have what it takes to get that high grade? . . . to care for a sick friend or an elderly relative? . . . to lead that Bible study in my parish?

The woman who was canonized this past weekend certainly had what it takes. As she made her life “something beautiful for God,” St. Teresa of Calcutta showed the determination that is the hallmark of every disciple. “The first step to becoming holy,” she once said, “is to will it.”

This can sound intimidating, especially if you don't see yourself as a particularly determined person. If you want your life to be something beautiful for God, know that he wants the same thing. Know also that he has all the grace you need to accomplish it. He has filled you with his Spirit; he gives you his Body and Blood at Mass; he walks beside you every day, helping you when you stumble and cheering you on when you succeed. He is 100 percent behind your desire to build a “tower” that glorifies him.

So whenever you sit down to calculate the cost of following Jesus—especially when that cost seems too high—take comfort from these words from St. Teresa of Calcutta:

“You belong to him. Nothing can separate you from him. That one sentence is important to remember. He will be your joy, your strength. If you hold onto that sentence, temptations and difficulties will come, but nothing will break you. . . . My prayer for you is that you . . . answer Jesus' call to you with the simple word, “Yes.”

“Jesus, I say yes! I will follow you no matter the cost.”

Today's Announcements:

- We are on Liturgy schedule today - we will have Mass at 9:40 this morning.
- Homecoming dance tickets are on sale for \$20 each. You can purchase these either online or at the front office. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$25.
- Irish Idol sign ups are outside room 200 or 214. The mandatory rehearsal is today after school in the auditorium.
- Attention all girls interested in playing soccer this year, there will be a meeting in Mrs. Williams room today after school in room 118.

- Anyone who knows how to sail or is interested in learning how to sail, the first sailing team meeting is Tuesday, September 13, at 6:00 p.m. at the Gulfport Yacht Club. For any questions, see Mallory Edwards.
- Any student who paid for a picture packet and did not receive it yet, please let Ms. Dapremont know.