

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Friday, September 16, 2016

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Accompanying him were . . . many others. (Luke 8:1, 3)

Jesus was such a mesmerizing preacher and powerful healer that he could have had a very effective ministry on his own. He was a miracle worker who could command evil spirits, the wind, and the waves. He could call down food, water, or fire from heaven. He didn't need anyone else's help.

So why did he choose to associate with such an assorted group of people as his disciples? Maybe their diversity can give us a clue. Remember, these were men and women, craftsmen and bureaucrats, educated and illiterate. The only thing they had in common was that they said yes to Jesus.

Jesus didn't expect all his disciples to be the same. He enjoyed each one of them for their own unique quirks. He encouraged the gifts he saw in each of them. One was good at fishing and providing dinner. Another scouted out places to stay. Still another provided financial help and hospitality. He gladly accepted whatever resources they brought, whatever abilities they possessed, and put them to work.

Why did he do all of this? Jesus understood that his Father wanted to give the world countless reflections of his love and grace. He wanted a community in which every seeker would feel welcome, a kingdom that was a vibrant tapestry of personalities, strengths, and temperaments. If he had chosen only fishermen, he might have alienated the tax collectors. If he had chosen only the poor, those who were more well-off might have felt unwelcome.

This is our Church. Jesus still calls together an unexpected variety of people. He shares our triumphs and disappointments. He enjoys spending time with us, and he finds creative ways to put our gifts to use in building his kingdom. He uses us to reach other people, each in our own way. Every one of us is essential to that work—even you!

You are part of this dynamic company. So offer Jesus your strengths and weaknesses, your prayers and longings. Let him use your uniqueness!

"Jesus, thank you for inviting me to belong to your people. Help me to hold back nothing."

Today's Announcements:

- Today is the last day to sign up for FCA. Members should pay dues and vote for officers with Coach Dellenger in room 108 before or after school.
- Senior baby pictures and quotes for the yearbook are due today to Mrs. Farragut in room 214.

- NHS Members: Please remember to bring items for the homeless. You will fill the bags next Wednesday and Thursday after school.
- Spanish Honor Society and Spanish Club will have their first meeting Wednesday, September 21, at EL Saltillo on Cedar Lake at 6pm. If you want to join, see Coach Camps in room 208 or Sofia Copper. Dues are \$20 for Spanish Honor Society, \$10 for Spanish Club, and \$11 for Spanish III students.
- French club dues are due today to Ms. Alexander in room 206. Congratulations to the new French club officers!
 - President - Hannah Gautier
 - Vice President - Marina Cole
 - Secretary - Madison Gee
 - Treasurer - Julia Bruffey
 - Chaplain - Anna Broadus

All officers should report to Ms. Alexander's room immediately following school today for a brief meeting.

- Junior high volleyball intramurals start at 3:15 this afternoon.