

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Monday, September 26, 2016

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Whoever receives this child in my name receives me. (Luke 9:48)

What's in a name? A lot? Or not very much at all? After reading today's Gospel, you might say, "Both." Because if your name is Jesus, that's really something! But it's "something" for you only to the degree that you are connected to him and to the grace that his name carries.

Jesus' disciples were still playing the "name game," squabbling over who would become the most famous apostle. So Jesus brought a small child to himself—a child whose name we never hear. You can imagine him situating the young person right by his side, with his hands on the little one's shoulders. Then, when you hear him say, "Whoever receives this child in my name receives me," you realize that Jesus has connected himself with this child in a special way (Luke 9:48). That's one lucky kid!

That child is you! In fact, Jesus has joined himself with you in an even deeper way than the little one in today's Gospel. Through the Spirit, he dwells in your heart. Think about that: the Lord of heaven happily makes his home in you. He delights in giving you a special place in God's family and conferring his own name upon you.

It makes no difference if your name is never printed in newspapers or in the Bible, for that matter. When you turn to Jesus and call on his name, no matter the circumstance, you are reaffirming your permanent connection with him. And as you do, grace will flow into you through your bond with him.

So call on Jesus' name in the middle of the storm, and you will receive his peace. Are you uncertain about a decision? You have access to the wisdom of Christ to guide you. Are you lonely or weary? Jesus walks alongside you, encouraging you and giving you his strength. You bear the name of Christ—and nothing can overcome that name!

"Jesus, 'I call upon you, for you will answer me' (Psalm 17:6). Thank you for joining yourself to me and standing beside me in every situation."

Today's Announcements:

- Our junior high dance is this coming Saturday, October 1, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for all seventh and eighth graders. The theme for the dance is "Olympics," and admission is \$5. The concession stand will also be open. Junior high dances are open to St. Patrick students only.
- Seniors, Herff Jones will be taking graduation orders Wednesday, September 28, during lunch. Please bring your deposit of \$60 at this time.

- Senior yearbook ads are due to Mrs. Farragut in room 214 by October 21. Everything must be turned in together; this includes the form, pictures, and money.
- Robotics will meet today from 3:05 to 3:20 p.m.; then, FTC will meet from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- Interact Club t-shirts are on sale now through Friday. Shirts are \$10. See Ms. Moon or Ms. Lawson to order.