

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*I will not reject anyone who comes to me. . . . And I shall raise him on the last day. (John 6:37, 40)*

On April 18th, 1506—512 years ago today—the cornerstone of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome was laid. The Basilica was designed to be an awe-inspiring edifice representing the coming together of heaven and earth. Its massive dome sits atop a cruciform structure whose arms reach out in four directions. Think of heaven hovering over the four corners of earth. The Basilica can hold a staggering 20,000 people. This monument to our first pope has withstood wars, earthquakes, invasions, and the inevitable erosion of time.

Of course, the Basilica won't last forever. In fact it's constructed on the site of a much older St. Peter's—a nod to the current Basilica's finite existence.

For all the splendor of St. Peter's, there is another structure that is far more magnificent. It's the Church, a spiritual edifice built on the apostles, with Jesus as its cornerstone (Ephesians 2:20). It's us!

More than just a symbol, the Church really does connect heaven and earth. And that's why Jesus promised that it

would endure. This Church has already endured for two millennia, despite persecutions, corruption, and painful divisions.

Jesus has promised that everyone who is baptized into him is also baptized into his Church. He rejects no one. This means that he has swept up your life into this magnificent construction project. You are one of the "living stones" that Jesus has formed, shaped, and cemented into his Church (1 Peter 2:5).

On the last day, when his project is finally complete, Jesus will raise you up with all the other saints. You will be among that "great multitude" of worshippers coming from every tribe, nation, and tongue (Revelation 7:9).

So no matter how dark the world might feel today, no matter how much rejection you may suffer, no matter how many struggles you may have, always remember that one day you will bask in Christ's glorious light that fills his Temple forever. He has welcomed you with open arms, and he has a perfect place waiting for you in his heavenly home.

*"Lord, I am honored that you would make me a part of your Church!"*

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### Today's Announcements:

- ★ Tradition Family YMCA has lifeguard training available for students who are 15 years old and older. They have positions available for the summer; pick up more information about this at the front desk.
- ★ Seniors, just a reminder that if you are a member of the Key Club, there is a scholarship. See Mrs. Sutherlin for an application.

Seniors, if you attended Girls' State, Boys' State, APEX, Governor's School, or Lott Leadership, please see Ms. Wilkinson as soon as possible.

- ★ NHS members - there is a meeting next Wednesday, April 25, at 7:45. The meeting is for sophomores and juniors only. At this time, you will elect the new officers.

Juniors, if you would like to run for an office, you must see Ms. Wilkinson today.