

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, April 23, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

The Spirit told me to accompany them without discriminating. (Acts 11:12)

It was the opportunity of a lifetime! By sending Peter to Cornelius—a Gentile from Caesarea—God invited Peter to play a key role in his plan to gather the Gentiles to himself. The centuries-long hatred between Gentile and Jew was about to be broken, and the witness of a united Church was about to shine in the world. And Peter was the one to break through the barrier.

Peter could have balked. He could have remained adamant in his Jewish upbringing and refused to go. But this once-stubborn fisherman had been changed. He was not sure exactly what would happen, but he decided to follow the Spirit's promptings and take a chance. And the result was amazing: Before Peter could even finish telling Cornelius and his family about Jesus, the Holy Spirit swept over them and filled their hearts (Acts 11:15). That's how eager God was to inaugurate a new era of unity in his Church!

What has happened to that unity? Today we see Protestants, Catholics, and Orthodox divided from each other. Ancient feuds, age-old misunderstandings, and political considerations all conspire to keep us divided. Of course, there are doctrinal issues that need to be overcome. But as every pope from John XXIII to Francis reminds us, what unites us is so much greater than what divides us. If we could keep our eyes focused on our common heritage, if we could make it our aim to follow Jesus more closely, we would surely find a way to resolve the differences that remain.

What about a little closer to home? How about working for unity within your parish? Surely you can find ways to overcome divisions between progressives and traditionalists or between cradle Catholics and new converts. Surely you can affirm all that you have in common—the Eucharist, centuries of history, a common teaching, and a spiritual tradition that is as deep as it is wide. After all, you are all brothers and sisters in Christ! Yes, there are different opinions and approaches, but we are still one body joined by a common Baptism. Imagine the impact it would have on the world if each of us made love our common goal!

“Lord, make your people one!”

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Haylie Alvarez today!
- ★ Class officer elections will begin next week. Applications are now available in the front office and are due on Tuesday with a campaign meeting that afternoon. Please pick up an application and return it to Mrs. Buckley in room 200.

- ★ Junior high and high school boys and girls soccer tryouts will be held next week. Junior high tryouts will be on Wednesday, April 25, from 3:30 to 5:30 at the stadium. High school tryouts will be Thursday, April 26, from 3:30 to 5:30. There will also be a makeup tryout held on Friday, April 27, for anyone who is not able to make the junior high or high school tryout. Any girls who plan to try out for junior high or high school soccer need to sign the list on Coach Villarrubia's door.
- ★ Attention all seventh through eleventh grade girls, basketball tryouts will be on Monday, May 7, after school in the gym. If you have any questions, see Coach Gaunce.
- ★ NHS Members, there is a meeting Wednesday morning at 7:45. The meeting is for sophomores and juniors only. This is a mandatory meeting.
- ★ The Interact Club meeting Wednesday after school will be held in Ms. Lawson's room 201 due to the drama club's spring production.
- ★ Coach Dellenger is looking for track members and students to help at tomorrow's Nativity Track Meet. See him if you are interested.
- ★ Quiz Bowl will have a mandatory meeting Tuesday after school. All forms are due in at that time.