



Huron-Superior Catholic

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Catholic Culture Update #7

Quote to carry through the week

“Let your love be upon us, Lord.” Psalm 33:22

October 17th is the Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time. **“Practice of Hope –**

Customers who observe the chef or owner working alongside employees may sense that the quality of the food, product, or service is better. Good managers infuse a level of commitment to quality among staff so that patrons have reason to return. Jesus reiterates that true glory comes from being a servant for others. Many parents, teachers, military personnel, clergy, and women religious are often living examples of servant leadership.

- ✚ Write a note or purchase a gift of appreciation for someone who strives daily to serve others and is a model of excellence, often without being noticed. Encourage others as well to appreciate these helpers.
- ✚ Learn more about servant leadership, through the Greenleaf Center (www.greenleaf.org), which is located at Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey. Discover how some companies and organizations are adopting this leadership style to enrich lives and build a society that is focused on compassion and justice.
- ✚ Reflect on how you might work on strengthening your practice of the servant aspect of leadership.” AT HOME with the WORD 2021, Liturgy Training Publications, page 139.

Scripture Insights > “It is not surprising that the disciples were indignant at James and John. How bold to ask for seats of honour in heaven! If we are honest with ourselves, however, these disciples are asking for the same things most people desire. Perhaps they simply wish to be acknowledged for their dedication to Jesus. Jesus does not scold James and John when they boldly tell him that they want him to do whatever they ask. Instead, he simply asks them what they wish to do. Of course, Jesus knows what they want. He is the high priest who sympathizes with our weaknesses and waits eagerly for us to approach his throne of grace for mercy and help. They ask Jesus to grant them – literally, give them – the two highest places of honour in the kingdom. Jesus replies that what he has to give is not what they expect. Jesus gathers his disciples and tells them how they will be different from all other people. Instead of lording prestige over one another, they will lower themselves. The highest place of honour is not next to the king at the banquet table but on the floor with the lowest

servants, kneeling to wash the dirty feet of the guests. What Jesus has to give them turns out to be himself. He “did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” This fulfills Isaiah’s prophecy that “through his suffering, my servant shall justify many.” Three times the psalmist praises the “kindness,” or the loving faithfulness, of the Lord (Psalm 33:5, 18,22). Instead of lording power over humankind, or rejecting us when we request selfish things, God stoops down to give us his life.

- ✚ What would you like to ask of Christ?
- ✚ Do you feel able to approach God’s throne to request mercy?
- ✚ How can you serve someone today?” AT HOME with the WORD 2021, Liturgy Training Publications, page 139.

October 18 is the feast of **St. Luke**, Evangelist. “St. Luke the Evangelist (first century) is traditionally known as the author of the Gospel that bears his name as well as of the Acts of the Apostles. He is also identified with the “beloved physician” referred to by St. Paul (Col. 4:14). Luke was a Gentile from Antioch in Syria, and his roots show both in his writing style and in his sympathetic treatment of Gentiles in [his] Gospel. According to the Acts of the Apostles, he accompanied St. Paul on some of his evangelizing journeys, and he stays with Paul when he is imprisoned in Rome. Some sources claim he was martyred, but it is thought that he died an old man of natural causes. A tradition states that he was the first icon painter, and the Black Madonna of Czestochowa is attributed to him. His symbol is an ox or bull because the Lucan Gospel begins with Zachary, the father of John the Baptist, offering a sacrifice in the Temple. St. Luke is patron saint of artists and physicians.” Companion to the Calendar – A guide to the Saints, Seasons, and Holidays of the Year, Second Edition, page 130 *St. Luke help us to be healers of those around us who need healing.* Doodle a picture today!

October 20 is the memorial of **St. Margaret Mary Alacoque**. “St. Margaret Mary (1647-1690) was a French Visitation nun and mystic, whose visions of Jesus led her to promote devotion to the Most Sacred Heart as we know it today. Margaret was a pious child and practiced prayer and penance. She entered the Visitation convent in Paray-le-Monial in 1671. Unfortunately, the nuns there were suspicious of her, and Margaret Mary found her vocation tried, especially by the delay of her profession. The following year, she began having the visions that revealed the devotion to the Sacred Heart and its practices such as communion on the First Fridays, and the holy hour of Eucharistic adoration on Thursdays. She was discouraged from spreading this devotion until the convent’s Jesuit confessor, St. Claude la Colombière, declared that her visions were genuine. St. Margaret Mary died in 1690, but after her death, the Jesuits spread the devotion to the Sacred Heart. She is a patron saint of polio sufferers, orphans, and those devoted to the Sacred Heart.” Companion to the Calendar – A guide to the Saints, Seasons, and Holidays of the Year, Second Edition, page 129

October 22 is the memorial of **St. John Paul II**. “To tell of St. John Paul II’s 26 years of Petrine ministry is to provide a litany of encyclicals, travels and historic events. Not only was John Paul II (1920-2005) the first pope to enter a synagogue since St. Peter, but he appealed to both Jews and Christians to be “a blessing to one another,” and offered

repentance in the name of the Church for the Shoah. From the moment Karol Wojtyla was elected pope in October 1978, the man who had entered a clandestine seminary while living under Nazi occupation mesmerized the world. In the early years, Catholics and non-Catholics alike were attracted to the athletic man who snuck out of his villa to ski and reached out to the young at World Youth Days. People of many faiths prayed for him when he was shot in St. Peter's Square and were awed with the mercy he granted his assailant. And none escaped the poignancy of a feeble John Paul II praying at the Western Wall in Israel, leaving a prayer inside the wall. Even a scant follower of the pope knew that the man who forgave his assailant, travelled the world to evangelize, and sought healing in relations with the Jewish people looked to the Blessed Virgin as a model of faith. A week after taking on the Chair of St. Peter, he brought reporters to the Marian Shrine of Mentorella outside of Rome. "I wanted to come here, among these mountains," he told them "to sing the Magnificat in Mary's footsteps." ON that date, too, he told of his love for the Rosary, a remark that he recalled 24 years later in his apostolic letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae (RVM, 2)*: "The Rosary is my favourite prayer. A marvelous prayer! Marvelous in its simplicity and depth." In that letter, he explained the Christocentric nature of the prayer. "With the Rosary, the Christian people sit at the school of Mary and are led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love." In RVM, he notes Mary's conformity to Christ: "Mary lives only in Christ and for Christ!" It is such conformity that John Paul II sought. His motto was *Totus Tuus* (all thine). To John Paul II, the woman who carried the Saviour in her womb, who first gazed on him at birth, and stayed with him by the Cross, is the person who can bring followers closest to Christ. In the apostolic exhortation *Ecclesia in America*, he called Mary "the sure path to our meeting with Christ" (11). He also noted that Our Lady of Guadalupe's meeting with Juan Diego evangelized beyond Mexico and voiced hope that the Mother and Evangelizer of America would guide the Church in America, "so that the new evangelization may yield a splendid flowering of Christian life" (11). The pope credited Our Lady of Fatima with saving his life when he was shot on May 13, 1981, the anniversary of the first apparition at Fatima. He believed that Mary guided the bullet away from his vital organs. A year after the shooting, he placed the bullet that was taken from him among the diamonds in the crown of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima. "I wish once more to thank Our Lady of Fatima for the gift of my life being spared," he said. With the Church, many surely are thanking the man who espoused the Rosary for modeling a life of faith. Companion to the Calendar – A Guide to the Saints, Seasons, and Holidays of the Year, Second Edition, page 131-132

Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together – Rediscover Together

For this son of mine was dead and is alive again, he was lost and is found! [Luke 15:11-32](#)

October's Virtue of the Month – Courage/le courage/Zoongide'ewin/ Maskawatsiwin

A prayer to inspire our striving for courage:

Thank you God

for unlocking the doors we cannot open.

Thank you God

for locking the doors we cannot lock.

Thank you God

for giving us Yourself. Amen+

Our Mission Statement – We are called and committed to a personal relationship with Jesus that will inspire Catholic leadership. – I have had many teachers in my life but the ones who inspired me most were the ones who willingly gave of themselves. The ones who offered extra help time on their time. The ones who coached sports or directed choir. The ones who took interested in their students and their families. In other words, they acted like Jesus in my presence because they knew Jesus. Are you inspiring your students to step up to fill the shoes of those in leadership?

Strategic Directions – Success and Well-Being of our Students

Our students learn in an environment where they are cherished, safe, listened to, and included. In keeping with the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations, our student also feel inspired to learn, improve, develop, and succeed in and beyond school. Does do it mean to cherish our students? Does your face light up when you see certain students? Do you miss the presence of certain students when they are missing?

Twenty-first Century Learning

http://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com/2017/08/11-tips-for-catechists/?utm_source > a great website for new religion teachers or those who need a little inspiration

<http://wccm.org/> > World Community for Christian Meditation > This is a site for Christian Meditation for teachers and students alike.

www.CARFLEO.org > best kept secret for religious education teachers of every grade

<https://www.tinkercad.com/> “Tinkercad is a free computer-aided-design (CAD) playground for 3D design, electronics and coding that offers a range of teaching tools, including free lesson plans. With a user-friendly interface, this tool guides students from inspiration to reality, with options for 3D printing too. Can be used by Grades 3 – 12.”

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<https://ed.ted.com/> “This free huge video library can support many lessons. Consider engineering: “How one design flaw almost toppled a skyscraper,” challenge views of our planet: “Why every map in the world is wrong,” and dive into fashion design: “The wildly complex anatomy of a sneaker.” Appropriate for Grades 3-12. September 2021, Professionally Speaking, page 19

SAVE THE DATE < Shalom Place is offering an Autumn Retreat on Zoom – October 22 at 7:00 pm to October 23rd at 7 pm. The facilitator will be Janet Norman. Think about participating.

Saints Kit – All the saints of the Roman Calendar and More by Sister Mary Kathleen Glavich, S.N.D., and other Sisters of Notre Dame, Chardon

“St. John of Capistrano – 1386-1450, St. John of Capistrano’s one goal was to serve Jesus Christ. As a young man, John was well-educated, a successful lawyer, and a governor in fourteenth-century Italy. He rid the region of political corruption. When he was sent as an ambassador to another province at the age of twenty-six, his life underwent a major upset! He was taken prisoner after a battle. During a long, unhappy stay in prison, John thought over his life. He realized that he could serve God more directly. A story is told that ST. Francis appeared in a dream and asked him to become a Franciscan. When released from prison, John entered the Franciscan order at the age of thirty. He did not show off his degrees but worked as a humble novice. After his ordination, he studied under Bernardine of Siena. While Bernardine preached, John heard confessions. With the zeal that helped him drive out crime as a governor, John worked for the salvation of souls. The world needed a man like him at that time. The Church had split and several men were claiming to be pope. Thirty percent of the population had been killed by the plague, the “Black Death.” Many people were losing faith. Cheerfully John travelled through Italy, Germany, Bohemia, Austria, Hungary, Poland, and Russia, preaching prayer and penance. He helped to reorganize and settle problems within the Franciscan order. Pope Pius II recognized the strength and faith of John and asked his help against a Turkish invasion of Hungary. With the preaching and enthusiasm of John and the skill of the Hungarian general, John Hunyadi, the Christians stopped the Turkish attack. At age seventy John was nothing but skin and bones, but he was still strong in spirit. He died of a disease caught in battle. Eastern Europe was greatly influenced by John’s preaching and penance. His determination, which earned him the title of defender of political law, later made him defender of God’s law. A California mission is named for John of Capistrano. *St. John, pray for peace in our Church today!* “Card 151

A Blog for Eclectic Readers – by Pat Carter csj

A Jest of God by Margaret Laurence, 1966. Even though it won the Governor General’s Literary award, this book did not grab my attention like *The Stone Angel*. I had to read the beginning a couple of times before I finally moved through the story. It is about a teacher in a small town who struggles to find love and to deal with death. I give this book 😊😊😊/5 happy faces

Taking Jesus to the Movies ...A blog by Sister Pat

Nomadland, 2021, Oscar Winner of Best Picture of the Year. It stars Frances McDormand as the main character. The movie has real people playing themselves and the music is great. The landscapes featured as the backdrops for the film are incredibly beautiful. It is not a quick moving story but if you are willing to move at a slower pace, this movie delivers. I give this movie ♥♥♥♥♥/5

Catholic WORD of the Week – For Those Who Read to the end...Just like the credits at the movies

“Magnificat > The Magnificat of Mary responds to Elizabeth’s declaratory statements and questions by proclaiming the graciousness of God in fulfilling His promises to Israel (Lk. 1:46-55). The Latin designation is quite appropriate, since it captures the essential character of Mary’s praise of God. The language of Mary’s response to what God has done is steeped in Old Testament passages, e.g., Psalm 30:8; 33:4. In fact, Mary’s Canticle most closely resembles Hannah’s Hymn of Praise (1 Sm 2:1-10) and may be the text through which Mary’s response was developed. Mary’s hymn echoes the just response to God’s great actions of salvation. Her song of praise is the great archetype or pattern of Christian Faith. Unlike most of the other figures in this part of Luke’s narrative, Mary’s understanding of what is taking place is full of clarity. Aided by grace and the effects of the Immaculate Conception (or the absence of the darkness of sin), Mary is the model of how each believer should penetrate to the deepest truths of what lives at the core of events in one’s heart and going over and over them in an inquisitive yet prayerful manner can bring us more deeply into an active knowledge of God’s great plan of salvation and of eventual participation in it.”

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