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From Fr. Jim . . .

Catholic Schools Week: At the end of January, we celebrate Catholic Schools Week throughout our Archdiocese and the country. I am so grateful and appreciative for the Catholic education and formation that I have received in my lifetime as I am for the catholic education that some of our parishioner children are receiving. We have children who attend St. Boniface School, Holy Family School, St. Lawrence School, Resurrection School and the High Schools of Cristo Rey and Mercy/McAuley. They are doing well and are very happy to have the opportunity to receive a Catholic education. They are excited, too, about growing in their faith, learning about God and celebrating the Sacraments of the Church.



Many years ago, St. Leo Parish had its own grade school. There are many alumni from St. Leo School who still today have fond memories of their time here and who are most appreciative and grateful for the quality education and faith formation that they have received. Even though we no longer have our own school, as a parish in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, St. Leo Parish supports catholic schools and catholic education. We encourage all parents to consider sending their children to a Catholic Grade School and a Catholic High School.

The schools mentioned above are all welcoming of our students and offer tuition assistance. They are most sensitive to the needs of our children and are helping them adjust to the ways of our culture and preparing them to further their education and be successful in the workplace. They are being taught how to live in right relationship with their God and neighbor while fostering moral values and virtues.

St. Leo Parish has a special relationship with St. Boniface School. When St. Leo School closed a long time ago, it merged with St. Boniface School. Until recent years, we have not had any children to send to St. Boniface. Now, some of our parishioner children attend there. They are happy and they enjoy learning, especially about God and their faith. I am so grateful to St. Boniface for the warm welcome they have extended to us and for the quality education and formation that they offer.

If anyone is interested in seeing if their children can attend St. Boniface School or any Catholic school, please call Angelo Anno at the parish office – 921-1044. We are most happy to assist you, if you want or need our help. Also, in addition to the Catholic schools already mentioned, Annunciation School, in Clifton, near the University of Cincinnati, will welcome our parishioner children to attend there and so will St. Clement which is in the village of St. Bernard. For more information about these schools, please call me at the rectory office.

May God bless all our teachers, principals, administrators, workers, volunteers, parents and students. May God's face shine upon them and be gracious to them. May God look upon them with kindness and grant them peace. May God bring the good work that God has begun in each of us to completion all for the service, glory and honor of God.

Prayer for Vocations: The following is Archbishop Schnurr's prayer for vocations. He asks us to pray this often: Almighty Father, you have created us for some definite purpose. *Grant us the grace to know the path you have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous "Yes."* Make our Archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to your call with courage and zeal. Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests. Bless us with consecrated religious and those called to a chaste single life, permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives, who are a sign of Christ's love for his church. We commend our prayer for vocations to you, Father, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CISE Collection: This weekend, today, there is a second collection for CISE. CISE is the Catholic Inner-City Schools Education Fund. Our children from St. Leo who attend Catholic grade schools all go to CISE schools. Because of CISE Funding, our children can afford the tuition of a Catholic education. Thank you for all your prayers and support for our children.

2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA): It is time to ask you to make a commitment pledge for the 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal. The CMA is an opportunity to support the work of six vital ministries and their many programs, all of which operate right here in our Archdiocese. Every registered parish household should receive a CMA mailing from Archbishop Schnurr. Please prayerfully complete your pledge card and return it in the envelope provided or bring your completed pledge card sealed in its return envelope to Mass and place it in the collection basket. For more information, please visit CatholicAppeal.info. Thank You.