

# ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

As we continue through the Easter season, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the great progress we are making with our school, and to let you know what an honor it is to be part of such a faith-filled community. Easter is a special time for us. It is a time where we can celebrate God's love and the sacrifices He has made for us. It is a time for us to continue our spiritual journey so we can come to know, love and serve our Lord in a deeper and intimate way; while celebrating our Catholic faith, God's love in our life, and all the gifts we have received.

The School Advisory Council (S.A.C.) members, along with the various committee and sub-committee members, continue to give their time and talents to making our school achieve its mission *where all students receive a quality education in a Christian environment, surrounded by caring people*. It gives me such joy to announce that, through effective planning, we continue to meet and/or exceed to goals we set at the beginning of the year. This Easter season will continue to live out our virtues which are part of our Value Statement:

*We believe quality Catholic education calls us to integrate Gospel teachings and values with everyday life; while believing that all secular subjects need to be taught in the light of these values. These values are deeply rooted in the belief that Jesus Christ is the reason for our school and our community lives out our faith expressing the virtues of prudence, fortitude, charity, generosity, temperance, humility, and brotherly love. All, in communion with a strong sense of hospitality and belonging in everything we do.*

This month we will be focusing on the virtue of Brotherly Love, which is a Capital Virtue. It is charity towards our fellowmen, our brothers in Christ. It overcomes the sin of envy. This virtue involves being genuinely happy at everyone's success, even those who we don't particularly like. We know we have this virtue if we do not ever badmouth someone who disagrees with us, or who has obtained something that we think we deserve. One should acknowledge that it is God's will that this particular series of events occurred in that person's life and not ours, for a reason. God could be blessing that person now, on earth, while He may have plans to give us burdens now, on earth, so that we will be blessed forever in heaven. Always desire the latter! Our Lord said: "This is my commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you" (St. John 15:12).

As we continue through the Easter season, let us demonstrate the virtue of Brotherly Love throughout our daily lives. As a faith-filled community, parish family and, at home through your domestic church, let's show each other and teach our children the meaning of the virtue of Brotherly Love; while we live out our vision of *introducing the world to its Savior* through word and deed. Once again, let me say thank you for your ongoing prayers and support, for I am truly humbled and honored to be your Pastor. Please remember that I will always keep you in my prayers. I would also ask that you keep me in your prayers and encourage you to continue to pray and reflect as to how God may be calling you to support our school.

In the loving Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Fr. Gregor

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