



Nazareth School

December 8, 2017

Dear Parents:

The chill in the morning and evening air reinforces the festive spirit and activities that seem to fill our days. The music for *Christmas at Nazareth* is more beautiful each time the students rehearse and as we celebrate our Core Value of Love this December, we are reminded that this is a season of giving and gratitude.

Thank you for your generous support of the Turkey Trot! It appears that we will clear approximately \$45,000! We had a fun prize assembly this week and several of our classes are looking forward to special treats. Congratulations to Ella Lovette-Colyer who was the top donation collector and to Kindergarten who placed first in the class competition! If you have not fulfilled your Turkey Trot commitment, please do so immediately. Our classroom projectors and white boards need to be updated and Turkey Trot funds may help us create a more efficient learning environment for our students! Thank you to Mrs. Christy Conway and her team for their leadership in this fundraiser.

This coming week will be a busy one. On Monday, we will conclude our Toy Drive as we decorate and light our school Christmas Tree. We are looking forward to giving back to the community through the Toy Drive. Know that your generosity will be appreciated. Please join us on Tuesday for our special prayer service honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our 4th grade students will be leading us in prayer at morning assembly. The students in Grades 3 – 8 will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, Dec. 13th. If your schedule permits, please join us.

While we want to take time to appreciate the present moment, it is important to note that in a month, we will begin planning for the 2018-19 school year. On January 2nd, the Bishop Flores Scholarship Fund will have application forms available on the TADS website for parents seeking financial assistance. Applications must be completed by February 28th. Parents who wish to be considered for assistance through the school's tuition assistance program must complete the application for the Bishop Flores program first.

As we return to the present, let us keep in mind the lessons of Advent as we prepare for the coming of Jesus in our hearts and in our relationships.

An Advent Prayer

God of generosity,
may we emulate you in passing on to others a portion of the gifts you have given to us.
In giving we experience Advent joy;
in giving we are true to our being made in the image and likeness of you.
Keep greed far from our hearts, Lord.
Help us to experience the graced poverty of being open to your coming. Amen.

Morneau, Robert F.
Daily Reflections for Advent & Christmas: Waiting in Joyful Hope 2016-17

Advent blessings to you and your families,

Dr. Colleen Mauricio, Principal