



# Nazareth School

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Dear Parents:

As we start the new year, our teachers are practicing the Schoolwide Learning Expectation of being Life-long Learners. The teachers in the elementary/middle school will be meeting with colleagues from other schools to further their skills in the use of curriculum design and the interpretation of STAR scores. Our goal is to continue efforts to develop and align the classroom curriculum to support the students' mastery of state and national standards. The teachers in the preschool will be visiting St. Vincent's preschool where they will participate in a presentation by a licensing advocate who will review current requirements established by the Department of Social Services. Afterwards, they will share learning strategies and activities with their colleagues.

In last week's letter, I noted the many PTG-sponsored activities that are in the planning stages. Be sure to contact event chairpersons, watch for information in the Nazareth News (including today's) and get involved in the activities that keep our community so active.

Yesterday, 8<sup>th</sup> graders Jenifer Dalessio and Mercedes Payne with 7<sup>th</sup> graders Jasmin Kisir and Jacques Allende received the Cathedral Catholic High School Leadership Awards at a special luncheon at the high school. These awards are presented to students who exemplify the leadership characteristics of creativity, kindness, hard-work and intelligence. Congratulations to Jenifer, Mercedes, Jasmin and Jacques and their families!

Today's liturgy was a beautiful celebration of the Peacemakers in our school. This month we are celebrating our Core Value of Justice. These children were selected by their teachers and peers for their efforts to practice justice and support a more peaceful community. During the weekend, we, as a nation, will celebrate the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to build a more just nation and world. In 1972, Pope Paul VI stated, "If you want peace, work for justice." Forty-eight years later, this concept remains a challenge to many in our local communities and the world. In your family discussions, especially this weekend, consider how each member of the family can work for greater justice in our communities and a more peace-filled world. I think the teachers will enjoy hearing what the children have to share next week!

## **A Prayer for Justice**

Grant us, Lord God, a vision of your world as your love would have it:  
a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor;  
a world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;  
a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect;  
a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.  
Give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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<https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/justice-prayers>

Blessings,

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