



Nazareth School

January 17, 2019

Dear Parents:

Liturgically we have begun a season of "Ordinary Time", but our January days are far from ordinary at Nazareth. Our days are busy with prayers, celebrations, and activities for all members of our community.

Earlier this week, we were honored with a visit from Sr. Brenda McCall, the newly elected Superior General for the Sisters of Nazareth, and Sr. Hannah Dwyer, a newly elected member of the Superior General's Council. Sr. Brenda has visited Nazareth School on several occasions; this, however, was Sr. Hannah's first visit to our school. Sr. Hannah is the former principal of the Sisters' Larmenier & Sacred Heart School in London. The Sisters were delighted with the hospitality that the children and our staff extended to them and appreciated how articulate the students are when discussing their learning endeavors and the Core Values. We discussed future projects and the commitment of the Congregation to assist us in supporting the growth of the learning environment of Nazareth School, San Diego. Sr. Hannah and I are hoping to establish a link between the students at Larmenier & Sacred Heart School and our students in San Diego.

Tuesday evening, the families of our First Reconciliation / First Eucharist class concluded the preparation for First Reconciliation. The prayers and activities that the families shared remind us of God's unconditional love and continued mercy as we grow in His Grace. Thank you to Mr. Hillila and to catechists David and Stephanie Ladisa who led these activities for the parents and students.

Yesterday, Alyssa Karaniwan and Zachary Foss received the Cathedral Catholic High School Leadership Awards at a special leadership fair and luncheon at the high school. These awards are presented to 8th grade students who exemplify the leadership characteristics of creativity, kindness, hard-work and intelligence. Congratulations to Alyssa and Zachary 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-seven 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!

Blessings,

Dr. Colleen Mauricio
Principal