



# Nazareth School

November 9, 2018

Dear Parents:

November continues to be a very busy month for our Nazareth Community. On Wednesday, members of the Catholic Charities leadership team visited our school. The speakers were impressed not only by the generosity of our students and their families, but by the hospitality and respectful attention of our students and staff as well. Our community gifted Catholic Charities with over 1,000 pairs of socks and 400 books to help the organization's ministries provide safe and hospitable environments for those in need. As we learned more about the work of Catholic Charities, we recognized that Nazareth School and the Sisters of Nazareth have a strong connection with the mission of Catholic Charities as they share common Core Values and historical perspectives.

Celebrating his 38<sup>th</sup> day as the Executive Director of Catholic Charities, San Diego, Mr. Vino Pajanor also made a connection with one of our students. Mr. Pajanor comes from Chennai in southern India, the same city where 8<sup>th</sup> grader Rohan Murali's parents were born and where his grandparents still live. Mr. Pajanor and Rohan, along with the Student Council, discussed Tamil, the language spoken there and the celebration of Diwali, an Indian holiday celebrated this week. It is indeed a small world as we make connections reaching out to others!

This week we began our Thanksgiving Food Drive. The food will be donated to Catholic Charities as they support families who have extremely limited resources. Please note that the food drive ends on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Know that our guests repeatedly expressed their appreciation and that of those they serve.

Our Turkey Trot is only a week away and the donations are quickly adding up! Plan to attend the Souplantation "fun raiser" on the 15<sup>th</sup> and the big event next Friday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support of this important school fundraiser. More information may be found in the Family Envelope and the Nazareth News.

Lastly, I hope that you have found the discussions during this week's Parent-Teacher Conferences helpful in supporting your children's school success. Please take time this weekend to talk with your children about information that you received at the conference. This a great time to set and review personal and academic goals. Thank you for your punctual attendance during the conferences.

Sunday and Monday, we recognize and celebrate our nation's veterans. We are blessed in this nation by the sacrifices and dedication of these men and women who have given so much to protect and provide the freedoms that we enjoy in the United States. As we celebrate the holiday and three-day weekend, let us keep these men and women and their families in our prayers.

Blessings,

Dr. Colleen Mauricio  
Principal