

A "Few" Words from Fr. Robert



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The Yawp

You all know how important our school is to our St. Anne Parish community. Our school offers us so much to be proud of and grateful for. All anyone has to do is walk through the halls once and it becomes crystal clear how important St. Anne-Pacelli School is for the Catholic community of greater Columbus. We all know the future of our Church walks through those halls. This year I asked that we print enough copies of *The Yawp* to include in our bulletins. In this publication, you'll find a feature story about our school's rich history; celebrations of our students' academic, artistic and athletic achievements; an update about our Capital Campaign; some of the school's most-liked moments on Instagram, and much more. Please take the time to read *The Yawp* and make sure you share the good news about our beautiful school with anyone you meet. Special thanks go to Jennifer Sillitto, Director of Communications for both our parish and our school, for her hard work on this edition of *The Yawp*. It is beautiful to behold.

Changes to our Nursery Program

After careful study and consultation with the Parish Council and the Nursery staff, we are going to make some changes to our Nursery Program. From now on the Parish Nursery will only be available during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Recent history has shown that very few - if any - families regularly use the Nursery during the other Masses. As you know, we are thrilled and very grateful when young families bring their children to Church. Because very few families have used the Nursery Program at the 5:30 Vigil or the 12:30 p.m. Mass, we are fairly certain that this change will inconvenience very few - if any - of our young families. I want to thank Liz Johnson and Trish Serrano who have been so dedicated to our Parish Nursery Program. Their commitment has been such a blessing to our little ones and their families.

What a Great Idea

Last week Tiffany Trucks, St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School's Development Director, spent some time with me to explain the Grace Scholars Program available here in the great State of Georgia. It's amazing that something like this exists. As the former Pastor of a large parish with a beautiful school in Connecticut, I could only dream of a program that would help us provide our children a quality Catholic education. I'm sure you've heard about the Grace Scholars Program before. Many have told me they just don't understand how it works or what's involved. Next week, Tiffany and some parishioners will be available after all the Masses to fill you in on the details and assist with the sign up process. Please stop by the Grace Scholars table in the Commons Area or Visitation Hall to listen, learn, and plan to participate in the Grace Scholars Program. It's amazing!

Retired Religious Collection

Many years ago when I was on our Provincial Council, the Treasurer of our Franciscan Province told us all that we were 77% unfunded in our Franciscan Province pension plan. That meant that we would not have anywhere near the resources we needed to support our senior friars who had spent their life in service to the Church. In my innocence I asked, "How can this be? Haven't we been saving for our retirement like everyone else?" It was explained to me that for years and years our friars did not get regular salaries, but accepted much smaller stipends for their work in our parishes and schools. The treasurer also explained that during the big vocation years of the '60s and '70s almost every dollar the friars earned needed to be put toward the room and board and education costs of our many young vocations. Like any family all the friars at the table worried and wondered how we were going to take care of our senior friars. I am happy to say that today our Franciscan Pension Fund is 100% funded and this is due in large part to the work of the National Catholic Retired Religious Collection. Thank you for your support of this important initiative in the past and we count on continued help in the future. The generosity of people like you has given all the friars in our province so much peace of mind. The collection will be taken next week (Dec. 8/9) at all of the Masses.

St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School News



Join the St. Anne-Pacelli family in cheering on Vikings Swim Coach, Leah Gingrich, as she competes in the USA Swimming Winter Nationals in Greensboro, NC this weekend! Coach Leah will compete in four events over the course of this competition on the road to the 2020 Olympic Team Trials. You can catch some portions of the Swimming Winter Nationals Sunday night, Dec. 2nd, at 10 p.m. on the NBC Sports Network and again on December 16th at 3 p.m. on NBC.



Our Kindergarten students are having fun with this Sink or Float Science Experiment in which they are exploring how and why different objects float and sink when placed into water. In addition to scientific thinking, this project offers learning opportunities such as language development, hand-eye coordination, and concentration.



Honors Physics students at St. Anne-Pacelli are concluding their study of energy with a tactile project crafted with things found in their homes. "The point of the project is to get the kids to think about their world and the many forms of energy that surround their lives daily," said Science teacher Mr. Jeffrey Klotz. "The twist is, their audience is not me, but Helen Keller. You see, anyone can make a poster, but can you make a poster Helen Keller can 'see?'" So, the assignment was to think of a single event in which there were as many transformations of energy as they could think of and then recreate that event on a poster, shadow box, or a representation of

some sort." Each project was required to be three-dimensional and tactile so Helen Keller would be able to "feel" the many energy transformations contained in that single event.



2018-2019 National Christmas Artwork Contest

All Catholic students grades K-8 are invited to enter the 2018-2019 Missionary Childhood Association National Christmas Artwork Contest. Twenty-two winners will be selected in this competition; their artwork will be displayed at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. during Advent and Christmas 2019. Two grand prize winners will also be chosen and their artwork will appear on the official Christmas card of the National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies, Father Andrew Small, OMI. Winners will be notified in late spring 2019 and announced to Catholic media in fall 2019. All winners will receive a commemorative plaque. Entry forms are available on the table in the commons area. Mail entries to: Missionary Childhood Association, Attn: MCA Artwork Contest, 70 West 36th Street, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10018 or to the Archdiocese of Atlanta, Mission Office, 2401 Lake Park Drive, SE, Smyrna, GA 30080. The deadline for entries is January 31, 2019.