

Sponsorship NEWS

Holy Week Edition

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Dear Administrators,

This is the most unique Holy Week we have ever experienced. In a time when we are challenged to isolate ourselves and practice social distancing we still long for community and connection. This Holy Week – and the Easter Season that follows – are great opportunities to experience the love of God in new and deeper ways.

I encourage you to pause each day to pray and reflect on [The Three O'clock Prayer](#) (at the end of this newsletter). Allow this prayer to connect you in spirit with the community of disciples who remained faithfully committed at the foot of the Cross.

May you experience the continued grace of Lent and enjoy a blessed Easter Season!

In peace and prayer,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan".

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Summer Program Cancellations due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Due to the challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Province has canceled these summer formation programs:

- **The June 2020 Teaching as Ministry Workshop in St. Louis is Canceled**
The next TAM Workshop is scheduled for June 2021.

- **The July 2020 LIFE Summer Program in San Antonio is Canceled**
The LIFE national coordinating team is currently working on alternative 2020 resources that support moderators and new LIFE leaders for the next school year. They will have this ready by June 15, 2020.

In Your Words...

In our last newsletter, we invited you to answer this question:

How does being a Marianist-sponsored ministry help you face difficult challenges like we are facing with the Coronavirus?

Here are your responses:

Anthony Fucci (Director, Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ): *"Knowing we have the support of the Province is helping me deal with the anxiety of an unknown future for both myself and our staff. Thank you for all you do!"*

Andrew Farfsing (Principal/CEO, Purcell Marian High School, Cincinnati, OH): *"Community! Because of this Marianist charism and how it is lived each day, we have been able to truly unite together –parents, staff and students – and successfully launch our digital learning program. We have quickly become a digital Marianist community grounded in our respect and love for one another."*

Michael Loyet (President, St. John Vianney High School, St. Louis, MO): *"Having the faith to know that God is in control and we are not. Having the family spirit and community to bond together to care for and protect one another. Believing in service, justice and peace during such a time when so many people are hurting and to adapt to a new normal which is at our doorstep. The CMEs nailed this pandemic."*

Fr. Sean Downing, SM (Chaplain, Central Catholic High School, San Antonio, TX): *"When faced with the Coronavirus the call to adapt and change by staying in contact with students through distance learning, but also personally calling CCHS families to make sure they are doing well and to know that we are still here to help."*

Thank you for sharing!

Other News to Share

- The Diocese of Pittsburgh appointed **Luke Crawford** as president of **North Catholic High School** in Cranberry Township, PA. The appointment became effective January 21. In making this appointment, Bishop Zubik cited Luke's "desire to serve the Catholic mission and identity of our schools" and his "collaborative style of leadership." Congratulations, Luke!
 - **Archbishop Riordan High School** in San Francisco announced that the school will be transitioning to a **new co-ed model** for the 2020/2021 school year. After 70 years of faithfully serving exceptional young men of San Francisco, the school will be welcoming young women to the school community starting in fall 2020.
 - **Chaminade College Prep High School**, in the Los Angeles area, has announced that **Luis Guerra** has accepted the role of high school principal, replacing Bro. Tom Fahy who is retiring at the end of the 2019/2020 school year. Congratulations, Luis and thank you, Bro. Tom!
 - The Catholic Diocese of Cleveland announced March 5 the departure of **Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School** president **Bill Cervenik**. Bill had requested to be released from his contract. The Diocese expressed its gratitude to Bill for being "instrumental in bringing positive energy and strategic direction to the school, which helped continue to strengthen the organization for the present and the future." VASJ Principal **David Csank** will continue the administration of the school during this time of transition. Thank you, Bill for your service.
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Strength for the Journey

The Three O'clock Prayer

Lord Jesus,
we gather in spirit at the foot of the Cross
with your Mother and the disciple whom you loved.
We ask your pardon for our sins,
which are the cause of your death.



We thank you for remembering us
in that hour of salvation
and for giving us Mary as our Mother.

Holy Virgin,
take us under your protection
and open us to the action of
the Holy Spirit.

Saint John,
obtain for us the grace of taking Mary
into our lives as you did,
and of assisting her in her mission.

May the Father and the Son
and the Holy Spirit
be glorified in all places
through the Immaculate Virgin Mary.

Amen.

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