

November 15, 2022

Good Morning All,

~Rosary Guild 12:30-2:00 Parish Office

~Faith and Reason Class 6:30-7:30 Parish Hall

~See the attached Press Release from the Diocese regarding Catholic Education.

~#iGiveCatholic #GivingTuesday Annual Day of Giving - November 29, 2022. (see flyer below)

1. Today's Readings: [Tuesday of the Thirty-third Week in Ordinary Time | USCCB](#)

2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus: What if you could sit down and learn from one of the great saints? While we can't do that in person, we can listen to their words of wisdom that they have shared with us. Today, St. Albert the Great gives us some advice on how to resist temptations.

Saint Thomas Aquinas is arguably one of the greatest theologians who ever lived. But in our efforts to honor the student, Aquinas, let us not forget his teacher, Saint Albert. So renowned was Saint Albert as one of the great, respected scholars of his age, that during his lifetime itself, he was already being honored with the title 'Great'.

Saint Albert the Great made numerous contributions to the fields of science and philosophy. He is credited with helping formulate a systematic study of minerals. At a time when most of what was known about the natural sciences came from ancient classical texts, Saint Albert studied plants and animals and supplemented what was known about them with his own research. In fact, on account of the vastness of his expertise and knowledge in the fields of philosophy, theology, physics, chemistry, astronomy, mineralogy, botany, zoology, and so on, Pope Pius XII named him the patron saint of scientists.

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3. Quotes of the Day: St. Albert the Great

~"It is by the path of love, which is charity, that God draws near to man and man to God. But where charity is not found, God cannot dwell. If, then, we possess charity, we possess God, for 'God is Charity.'"

~"The surest and quickest way to attain perfection is to strive for purity of heart. Once the obstacles have been removed, God finds a clear path and does wonders both in and through the soul."

~"The whole world is indebted to Jesus for His Passion. Similarly, all of us are indebted to our Lady, for her compassion."

St. Albert the Great, Pray for Us!

St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

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How to Resist Temptation

Now there's no one who approaches God with a true and upright heart who isn't tested by hardships and temptations. So, in all these temptations see to it that even if you feel them, you don't consent to them. Instead, bear them patiently and calmly with humility and long-suffering.

Even if they are filthy blasphemies, hold firmly to this fact and everything: you can do nothing better or more effective against them than to consider all this sort of fantasy

as a nothing. Even if they are the most vile, filthy, and horrible blasphemies, simply take no notice of them. Count them as nothing they despise them.

Don't look on the temptations as if they are yours; don't allow yourself to make them a matter of conscience. The enemy will certainly take flight if you treat him and his company with contempt in this way. He's very proud and can't bear to be despised and spurned.

So, the best remedy is to ignore completely all such temptations like flies flying around in front of your eyes against your will. The servant of Jesus Christ must see to it that he's not so easily forced to withdraw from the face of the Lord and to be annoyed, murmuring and complaining over the nuisance of a single fly---that is temptation, suspicion, sadness, distraction, need, or any such adversity. Instead, all these things can be put to flight with no more than the hand of a good will directed up to God.

To be tempted is not a sin. Rather, it is an opportunity for exercising virtue. So, temptation can be greatly to our benefit.

Source: A Year with the Saints, St. Albert the Great, On Cleaving to God



PRESS RELEASE — *For Immediate Release*

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Catholic schools boast highest national scores

CHARLESTON – The scores are in. The 2022 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) released its 2022 Nation’s Report Card, and the results prove that Catholic school students now boast the nation’s highest scale scores on all four NAEP tests.

Instead of losing a year of learning like public and charter schools due to the pandemic, Catholic school students across the nation gained a year of learning. For example:

- The average score of fourth graders was 17 points higher than the national public school average, or one and a half grade levels ahead.
- In eighth grade reading, Catholic school students scored on average 20 points higher than the national public school, or about two grade levels ahead.

According to Kathleen Porter-Magee, superintendent of Partnership Schools for New York and Cleveland, “... if all U.S. Catholic schools were a state, their 1.6 million students would rank first in the nation across the NAEP reading and math tests for fourth and eighth graders” (Amid the Pandemic, Progress in Catholic Schools, Wall Street Journal, Oct. 27, 2022).

Minority students especially thrived. Catholic schools led the nation for Hispanic achievement on all four NAEP tests. Achievement among Black students enrolled in Catholic schools increased by 10 points, whereas Black students in public schools lost five points and eight points in charter schools. Furthermore, the data shows that for students who qualify for free and reduced lunch prices, Catholic schools rank first in eighth grade reading and third in fourth grade reading in math.

Critics have attempted to undermine the Catholic schools’ success by dismissing the scores as results of elitist or “upper class” schools, but the truth is that kindergarten through eighth grade Catholic schools are the only private elementary schools in the country that serve the poor at large. The average tuition cost for an elementary Catholic school is a third of what states spend per child in public schools.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston shares in the success rate of the rest of the nation. “Our students are excelling and outperforming on every metric,” according to William Ryan, superintendent of Catholic schools for the diocese.

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“We credit our dedicated teachers, faculty and staff for their commitment to students. We also owe this success to the parents who trust us with their most prized possession: their children.”

Most Reverend Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS, Bishop of Charleston, said the mission of Catholic education “is to build up the Kingdom of God and educate youth by introducing authentic love and truth to every corner of our society. That is what we are doing in South Carolina. For more than 200 years, we've been educating the poor, the vulnerable and those entrusted to our care no matter the cost.”

Every year the Diocese of Charleston provides millions of dollars in tuition assistance and saves state taxpayers over \$110 million annually. “The Catholic schools in South Carolina have been beacons of hope in our communities,” said Michael F. Acquilano, secretary of communications and public affairs. “From admitting Black seminarians in the 1840s under threat of violence to most recently opening a new school in one of the poorest counties in America, we continue to do the impossible with limited resources.”

“What we need is the opportunity for Catholic schools to serve more students. We hope and pray that our political leaders will foster education success and give parents the resources to choose what learning environment is best suited for their child,” said Bishop Fabre. “Children are the future of our country and require us to strive for solutions that transcend politics and triumph the dignity of each child.”

ABOUT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

Founded in 1820, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston is comprised of 114 parishes and missions, 32 Catholic schools, and 350,000 people. It encompasses the state of South Carolina.

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Saints in the making!

What is #iGiveCatholic? Celebrated annually on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, #iGiveCatholic is the U.S. Catholic Church's National Giving Day that kicks off the charitable season and brings the Catholic community together to give thanks and give back.

#iGiveCatholic inspires faithful stewards to "Give Catholic" on #GivingTuesday and to rally our Catholic community in support of the organizations that shape our souls.

Donors like you make all the difference! Please support St. Joseph Catholic School and our students by "Giving Catholic" between now and November 29th online or in the office.

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