

LATE JULY 2018

This Sunday's gospel relays Mark's story of the disciples returning from being very successful at preaching and healing in the towns. Jesus insists that they move to a deserted place for rest. The growing crowds got wind of this and arrived at the site ahead of them. Rather than being angry, Jesus was moved with pity for the anxious people "because they were like sheep without a shepherd." The story ends with compassionate Jesus teaching the eager crowds. Delasalle understood this sentiment and action.

In his *Meditations for the Time of Retreat*, Delasalle began his reflections for the first Lasallian teachers by reminding them that God wants everyone to come to know the truth of His love. But how can one learn the truth if no one brings it them? He wrote, "*Just as God commanded light to shine out of the darkness, so he kindles a light in the hearts of those destined to announce His word to children.*" In the Lasallian worldview, teachers are an important part of God's plan; good shepherds for lost sheep. They



Brothers Javier and Rafael with Bishops Burns and Kelly at the Interfaith Procession in Solidarity with Migrants

are called by God to serve as surrogate parents: "*Work according to the grace that has been given to you to instruct by teaching and to exhort by encouraging those entrusted to you care... with attention and vigilance.*"

Let us lift up our teachers and our students in prayer. We believe that God has brought them together as part of his plan that both might (re)discover God's providential care for his beloved.

PRAYERS REQUESTED for:

- In thanksgiving for God's blessings on our admissions efforts;
- God's blessings on our teachers and students as they prepare for a new year;
- Those in search of work; especially our parents;
- God's blessings and protection on our families during the last weeks of summer;
- Our nation to accept Christ's challenge to welcome the stranger and for families seeking asylum;
- Aaron Cobos, his family, and those who are caring for him in El Paso;
- In thanksgiving for God sending us wonderful administrators and teachers to join our staff;
- In thanksgiving for our alumni, benefactors, friends and families;
- Our young men to consider a life of service to God's people as a Brother, priest or deacon;
- Those in need of healing; especially sophomore Jaime Herrera who is recovering from surgery; Mr. Yanez after his back surgery; the Lisanckie twins in the NICU; alumnus John Armendariz; Mima Sofia Higuera; Rosa Maria Sosathe mother of Mr. Tubbs; the mother of Jerome Elenez '90; the Sepulveda family; alumnus Javier Olmos; the grandmother of senior Zach Powell; the father of Mrs. Martinez; and the father of alumnus Kevin Arreola;
- The repose of the soul Ron Henry, JD, '81, father of Zach '13, and the consolation of his family;
- The repose of the soul of the brother of our head of maintenance, Fernie Sierra, and for the consolation of his family;
- Those in mourning; especially the Villarreal, Alvidrez, Esparza, Rubaclava, and Gonzalez families.

KUDOS and THANKS:

Despite great fluctuations in the number of potential students in our feeder schools, Cathedral's population has remained steady thanks to the tireless efforts of **Mario Vazquez**, our Admissions Coordinator. As he leaves us to pursue new adventures, we remain profoundly grateful for his commitment to CHS and its vision. Please join us in praying for his success and happiness.

We're very grateful to the crew of volunteers who assisted us with the recent Saturday physicals and uniform sales. We appreciate **Mr. Puertas'** many efforts in organizing this. Thank you to teachers **Ms. Garibay** and **Ms. Shashy** for welcoming families to the event. We send a shout out to **Mrs. Montanez**, our school nurse, for her assistance. We give a huge thank you to CHS moms **Mrs. Llarena**, **Mrs. Villalva**, and **Mrs. Rodriguez** for running the school bookstore. Kudos to **Mrs. Martinez** (mother of **Victor Munoz**), **Diego Chavira**, **Daniel Diaz** and **Brother Nick** for running the used uniform sale. All proceeds from the used uniform sale went to Lasallian Stewards.



The Houghton **MPB court floor** is being refinished for the second half of July. The wooden floor will be stripped, resanded, repainted and resealed. Thank you to **Mr. Puertas** for handling this important maintenance.

We are grateful to the donors who assisted Cathedral's new Boy Scouts **Troop 007** with the purchase of an American flag as well as the troop flag: **Dr. and Mrs. Cortes**, **Mr. Vic Pena '55**, **JD Douglass '55**, and **Miguel Casillas '91**. The troop just returned from their first camping experience.

NEWS YOU NEED:

All registered students' **2018-19 schedules** are now available on **RenWeb**. Please contact our registrar, **Mr. Flores** at dflores86@cathedral-elpaso.org if you have any questions.

Online registration for returning students remains open for the 2018-19 academic year. Simply go to <https://logins2.renweb.com/Logins/ParentsWeb-Login.aspx>. Parents can log on with their username and password. The District Code is CTD-TX. Please contact Mr. Flores (dflores86@cathedral-elpaso.org) or Mr. Baca (jbaca13@cathedral-elpaso.org) if you need assistance.

For the next two weeks, the **School Bookstore** will be open:

- **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- **Tuesday and Thursdays** from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- Thank you to our volunteers: **Mrs. Rodriguez**, **Mrs. Llarena** and **Mrs. Villalva**

All parents are invited to a **Reception for the New Assistant Principals** on **Tuesday, 31 August**, at **5:30 PM** in the Guereca Auditorium. This is an opportunity for our parents to get to know our new leadership team in a casual setting.

New Student and New Parent Orientation will be on Tuesday, 07 August, at 5:30 PM in the Guereca Auditorium. Students are to come in regular school uniform. The administration will go over expectations and procedures with the parents. Students



Our new Admission Coordinator Juan Pablo Baca '13

will go walk through their schedule and be shown their lockers. They will also be briefed on how to survive the transition to CHS.

- Students should also bring a tie and a lock for their locker.

Monday, 13 August, will be the **first day of school** (8:00 AM – 3:00 PM). Students must be in **regular uniform** (uniform polo, belt, uniform khaki pants/shorts, socks, school shoes).

Wednesday, 15 August, will be the first **all-school Mass**. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. Mass will be at 10:20 AM at Saint Patrick’s Cathedral. Families are welcome to join us.

- Students will be in **Irish Standard** (uniform dress white shirt, tie and blazer – no shorts).



Welcome to our new Director of Early Admissions: **Mr. Brendan Lisanckie**, MA. Mr. Lisanckie began his ministry in education as an English teacher and transitioned to counseling. He just wrapped up three years at Cristo Rey Boston High School. A native Bostonian, he is a graduate of Boston University and Harvard University. His young family (they just had twins last week!) will be moving to El Paso this fall. The director’s email is blisanckie@cathedral-elpaso.org.

Welcome to **Brother Paul-Andre Durham**! His ministry has been in Lasallian schools in Fresno, Mont Lasalle, San Francisco, Sunnyside (WA) and Yakima (WA). His most recent assignment was teaching at Cathedral High School in Los Angeles. We’re blessed to have Brother teaching Religion I this year. Brother’s email is padurham@cathedral-elpaso.org.

Welcome to **Juan Pablo Baca** – our new Admissions Coordinator. Mr. Baca joins us from the business world. He is a graduate of the University of Texas at El Paso, CHS in 2013, and Teresiano in Cd. Juarez. Mr. Baca brings his abundant energy, strong people skills, and deep Catholic faith to this vital role in the school. The coordinator’s email is jbaca13@cathedral-elpaso.org.

ALUMNI/DEVELOPMENT:

Alumni of all generations from Cathedral HS and Loretto Academy are cordially invited to a **Summer Social** on Saturday, 04 August, at Loretto Academy’s cafeteria and pool patio area. Come enjoy great company and delicious food. The pool will be open for those interested in using it. A lifeguard will be on duty so bring your kids. The event is underwritten by **The Lightbourn Family**. All alumni are welcome!

- There will be an **anticipated Sunday Mass** at 4:00 PM at the beautiful Loretto Chapel.
- BBQ dinner is complimentary and there will be a cash bar.

The next meeting of the **CHS Alumni Association** will be on Saturday, 04 August, at 9:00 AM in the Guereca Auditorium. The speakers will some new staff that alumni have asked to meet: **Ron Durkes** (Head Coach for Football), **Pedro Espinoza** '92 (Assistant Principal for Academics) and **Adolfo “Sparky” Sanchez** (Assistant Principal for Students). Breakfast burritos, coffee and *pan dulce* will be served at 8:30 AM. The cost is only \$6.00.

Mickey Escoto ‘16 is student at Saint Edward’s University who has been interning at **Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center**. He’s decided to organize a fundraising dinner to benefit this organization and the Diocesan Migrant and Refugee Services (DMRS). Both organizations provide low cost legal

assistance to immigrants and asylum-seekers. The **Immigration Relief Fundraiser** will be on Thursday, August 17th, at 7:00 PM in the Houghton MPB. Tickets are \$35.00. You can learn more about the event and purchase tickets online at : <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/accion-fronteriza-border-action-immigration-relief-fundraiser-tickets-48189460975>.



Congratulations to **Sam Armijo**, PhD for being awarded the recognition of **Golden Nugget** for 2018 UT El Paso Homecoming. Dr. Armijo, a CHS grad of 1956, is being recognized by the College of Engineering. He was awarded a BS in Metallurgical/Materials Engineering in 1959. He is currently president of JSA Associates Inc., a nuclear systems and engineering consulting firm advising the Electric Power Research Institute and the Exelon Corporation. He is also chairman of Tokyo Electric Power Company's International Experts Group, which provides technical advice on the decommissioning of the Fukushima nuclear site.

SAVE-THE-DATES:

Homecoming 2018 will be on Friday, **28 September 2018**.

- The day begins with the **Irish Open Golf Tournament** at the beautiful and challenging Fort Bliss Underwood Golf Course.
- The day will conclude with the annual **Alumni Tamalada** from 7:00 to 11:30 PM at the Houghton MPB on the CHS campus. Tickets are available at the CHS Office.

The next **Irish Run 5K** will be on Sunday, **21 October 2018**. Since it close to Halloween, the race will be called *The Dead Man Run*. (Costumes are encouraged!) Our student leaders will continue visiting potential race sponsors. If you are interested in being a sponsor or donate anything in-kind, please contact Brother Nick at ngonzalez80@cathedral-elpaso.org.

MEN OF IRON/MEN OF GOLD



Join us at an informal reception to welcome Mr. Espinoza (Asst. Principal for Academics) and Mr. Sanchez (Asst. Principal for Students) on Tuesday, 31 August, at 5:30 PM in the Guereca Auditorium