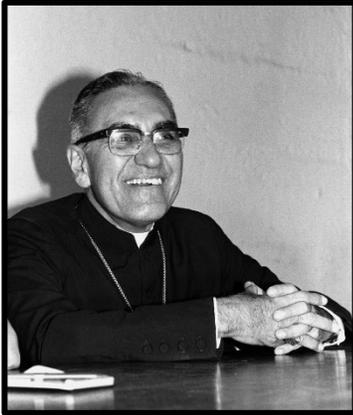


WEEK of 14 OCTOBER 2018



In Mark's gospel, a sincere young man interrupts Jesus to find out what he must do to gain eternal life. Impressed after a discussion about keeping the commandments, Jesus looks at him with love and invites him to do one more thing: sell his possessions, give to the poor, and follow him. The young man's *"face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions."* Despite his desire to seek Jesus' advice, the young man was simply unwilling to give up his security; he chose not to risk in order to gain his prize. He did not yet possess the wisdom to understand that God demands everything from us so that we might learn dependence of his bountiful generosity. Only then can we be free to love. Archbishop Oscar Romero exemplifies the young man.

This Sunday the Church recognized Blessed Archbishop Oscar Romero (1917-1980) as a saint. By all accounts, Romero was a studious, quiet and scrupulous priest during the period of growing violence between the repressive governmental regime and the poor indigenous people of El Salvador. When Romero was initially appointed Archbishop, many presumed that his typical silence would render him irrelevant as a Church leader. The murder of a priest working with the poor; however, awakened Romero to the need to risk everything by standing, as Jesus would, with the poor. While the press was silenced, Romero listed every arrest, torture and atrocity committed by the government on his weekly radio show. The cautious priest gave way to the impassioned prophet. After only three years as archbishop, Romero was assassinated while saying Mass.

Saint Oscar Romero reflected: "A church which does not provoke any crisis, preach a gospel which does not unsettle, proclaim a word of God which does not get under anyone's skin or a word of God which does not touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed: what kind of gospel is that?" May God grant us the grace to be disturbed out of our comfort zone this week. May we let go of some of our security in the pursuit of true salvation.

PRAYERS REQUESTED for:

- In thanksgiving for the seven new saints proclaimed by the Church;
- In thanksgiving for our friends, alumni, and families;
- Those affected by the devastation of hurricanes and those who help them;
- Our students and staff as we begin the second quarter;
- Those students struggling with their faith;
- In thanksgiving for God's blessings on the fundraising efforts by our CHS Alumni Association;
- The Holy Spirit may inspire our students and alumni to consider a life as a Brother, priest or deacon;
- Those in need of healing; especially our injured students: Nate Aguilar, Zach Deitch, and Edwin Osorno; Raul Natividad '98 (recovering from a motorcycle accident); Mary Vallejo (mother of Yvonne Davis); those fighting cancer (Homero Silva, Brother Robb Wallace, alumnus John Armendariz, Mima Sofia Higuera, Rosa Maria Sosa, alumnus Javier Olmos); those dealing with addiction; and for those struggling with depression;
- The repose of the soul of Professor Frank Talamantes '61 and the consolation of his family;

- The repose of the soul of Blake Cordes '17 (a graduate of our Lasallian school in Covington, LA) and the consolation of his family.

KUDOS and THANKS:

Kudos to **Loretto Academy** and their staff for hosting the **Diocesan In-service** last Monday. Thank you to **Mr. Espinoza** for facilitating the high school portion of professional development.

Our **PSAT testing day** went very well thanks to the solid organization by the **Counseling Department** with **Mr. Espinoza** and generous cooperation by **our staff**. We're grateful to all of the staff members involved in facilitating and monitoring during this important standardized exam. We're grateful to **Mr. Sanchez** and **Mr. Yanez** for helping to run the testing center during the exam.



Coach White going over race performances with the swim team

Thank you to all of the **families** which supported the **Irish Cross Country team** by purchasing meals at **Panda Express**. The team received a portion of the sales.

The **Catholic school principals** met on Friday for their monthly meeting with the superintendent, **Mr. Sanchez**. CHS hosted the group in the Vandenburg Library. We're very grateful to **Mrs. Martinez**, **Mrs. Morales** and **Mr. Espinoza** for setting up for the meeting and helping to run a portion of it.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who celebrate their **birthdays** this week:

- Sunday, 14 October: **Pablo Rangel**
- Monday, 15 October: **Bruce Myers, Rodrigo Vallina, Omar Reyes**
- Tuesday, 16 October: **Juan Pablo Gamboa, Pablo Jimenez, Diego Peinado, Juan Hernandez**
- Wednesday, 17 October: **Isaiah Carrillo, Matthew Moreno, Sergio Soto**
- Thursday, 18 October: **Pedro Porras**
- Friday, 19 October: **Mr. Vidales**
- Saturday, 20 October: **Diego Alvarez**

NEWS YOU NEED:

The **13th Annual Irish Run** is coming up next Sunday. This vitally important fundraiser directly benefits teams and clubs who will travel for state competition – a high cost given our distance from the required competitions in east Texas. **We're asking every student to please bring in two entries for the race to ensure its success.** Since it's close to Halloween, we're encouraging individuals to come run in costume – it's **the Dead Man's Run!**

- Thank you to those families who have already given their support through a sponsorship or entries. Your assistance is deeply appreciated.
- **RJ Bowling, Brandon Seagreaves** and **Isaac Martinez** have been working hard to organize this event under the guidance of **Mrs. Britain, Mrs. Porras** and **Mr. Puertas**.

Our first **eighth grade visit** will be on **Wednesday**, 17 November. The boys from **Saint Pius X Catholic School** will be on campus to tour, test, and experience CHS. **Mr. Baca** will be informing teachers about which students will be assisting with the day. Please help the boys to feel welcome!

Thursday, 18 October, will have a **2:00 PM dismissal**. We will be on **Pep Rally Schedule** to facilitate getting ready for **Parent Teacher Conferences** from **3:00 to 6:00 PM** in the Houghton MPB. Printed report cards will be available at the MPB entrance. Teachers will be at tables in the MPB and parents are welcome to come speak with them.

Friday, 19 October, is the **Honor Roll Breakfast** from 7:15 to 8:00 AM. Parents of students who earned Gold Honor Roll (straight A's) and Blue Honor Roll (only A's and B's) are invited to join the staff in celebrating your son's efforts with a complimentary breakfast.

- The school bus will be available at 8:00 AM to take your **honor roll freshman** son to the freshmen retreat. The bus will be departing from the upper parking lot.

The **Freshmen Retreat** will be on Friday, 19 October, from **8:00 AM to 2:30 PM** at Saint Charles Seminary (8330 Park Haven Ave – just off of 499 Saint Matthews which is just off of North Loop). Students may sign up to go and return on the school bus – seating is limited.

Packet pick-up for the **Irish Run** will be all day on **Friday** in the Vandenburg Library. Only the first 300 entries are guaranteed t-shirts.

Sunday, 21 October, is the annual **Irish Run**. The gun goes off at 8:00 AM for the start of this 5K run and 1 mile fun walk. The start will be on River Street at the north end of the CHS campus. **Breakfast** will be available in the Houghton MPB following the run.



ALUMNI/DEVELOPMENT:



Kudos to **Juan Pablo De Los Rios '13** on being one of four speakers at the plenary session of the GE Reagan Foundation Leadership Summit at the Reagan Presidential Library this past Saturday. Juan Pablo graduated from UT Austin in May and has begun his doctoral studies in Chemistry at the University of Southern California. His presentation was a description of the difficulties overcome by his family in order to receive that best education possible. The four speaker panel then answered questions from the moderator. You can see Juan Pablo's presentation and the Q&A immediately following at the 26:10 mark at

<https://www.facebook.com/RRFEducation/videos/180801712835858/UzpfSTc4NDc0NDU1MjoxMDE1Njc5MTAyMzMzOTU1Mw/>.

The **CHS Alumni Association** made a presentation at October's general meeting on the finances of the fundraising events during Homecoming weekend. After expenses, the **Irish Open Golf Tournament** netted \$10,902.00 with 54 hole sponsors and 80 players participating in the tournament. The annual **Tamalada** served 395 meals and netted \$6671.00 in profits. The **silent auction** brought in an additional \$1830.00 while the **dessert table** netted \$731.00. Thanks largely to the efforts of **Julius and Irene Lowenberg**, this year's **raffle** netted \$8792.00 with 2038 tickets sold. Altogether, the various events of

Homecoming weekend grossed \$59,981.00 and netted **\$46,580.00**. All proceeds will go to pay for scholarships for students with demonstrated need. Kudos to the Alumni Association for their amazing efforts! These faithful stewards have raised and donated \$500,000 in scholarships to CHS students since 1998.

Professor Emeritus **Frank Talamantes '61** passed away this week. He left behind a tremendous legacy and impact as a longtime researcher and professor of endocrinology at UC Santa Cruz. He was also one of the founders of SACNAS, a national organization which advances Chicanos, Hispanics and Native Americans in Science. His nephew, UT El Paso Professor of Communications, **Richard Pineda, PhD**, wrote a moving tribute: *"I cannot even begin to describe the number of times I met a Latina or Latino academic in science, explained to them who my uncle was, and was regaled with a story, often with tears brimming in their eyes, about how they wouldn't be where they were without Frank. From the stories about how he bought them a meal when they were out of money, to intervening in their academic struggles, to helping them deal with disapproving or concerned parents, every story was about Frank saving them. His advisees have gone onto amazing careers - some professors, some doctors; many changing the face of science by being Latinas and Latinos in fields that are not known for strong minority presence. Every one of them carrying forward the mentorship they learned from Frank, the tough love and especially the big hearted, kind love. Frank was a legend in the field of endocrinology; his work was impactful, and he changed the world. Invitations to the White House, enormous research grants, cutting edge hormone research on breast cancer. The hardest part of being a professor now, is that I know I will never accomplish half of what he did. But even in this last bit when I've struggled with my own academic career and have doubted that what I do matters, it was Frank's presence that kept me going and kept me fighting. "If you don't fight for your students, mijo, who will?"*



Brother Nick having lunch with Miguel Borunda '99, Gustavo Ganem '99 and Gary Paul Porras '90

MEN OF IRON/MEN OF GOLD

