PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

St. Catherine of Siena Newsletter January 8, 2019

WEEKLY REFLECTION!

Bishop Olmsted has put together An Apostolic Exhortation to the Husbands and Wives, Mothers and Fathers of the Diocese of Phoenix, Complete My Joy. Tony Gutierrez from the Catholic Sun summarized 4 main points in the exhortation.

1. **The nature of the family**
- The family is an image of the Most Holy Trinity.
- The married couple's family home is a life and love-giving center in the world for as long as they both shall live, all the way to their Heavenly home.

2. **The Mission of the family**
- The mission of the family is to heal and re-evangelize the Body of Christ.
- Those blessed with strong marriages are called to evangelize to other families in their parishes and greater communities.

3. **Suffering, sin and healing**
- Families notably face a world of extreme busyness that can leave them drained and disconnected and can lead to difficulty in not being present physically and emotionally.
- Sts. Louis and Zelie Martin, the parents of St. Therese of Lisieux, are an example of a married couple who knew suffering well.

4. **Strengthening family life**
- Present at mass during their early years, children are learning the rhythm of relationship with the Lord and His Church.
- It is not by chance that Jesus called you and me to be His witnesses at this troubled time in history.

To read the whole exhortation, visit https://family.dphx.org/

Saint of the Week:

St. John Neumann

He was born in Bohemia and was looking forward to being ordained when the bishop decided there would be no more ordinations because they had an overstock of priests. He wrote to bishops in America and finally found someone who would ordain him. He would have to leave his home and travel across the ocean.

As a Bishop, he was the first to organize a diocesan Catholic school system. He increased the number of Catholic schools from two to 100.

He knew at least six languages.

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Important News

January 8: Fiesta Meeting in the Hall 5:30
January 11: Parent Formation Class
January 12: Catholic School's Entrance Exam
January 13: End of Christmas The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.
January 14: Honor Roll Certificates will be given during morning announcements