



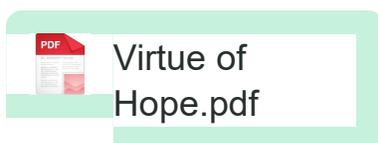
Alleluia! He is risen! I am grateful that the Church celebrates Easter Season for fifty days. While the promise and the peace of Easter was certainly what I counted on in the last two weeks, I think the *joy* of Easter is just catching up with me!

I am abundantly grateful for your love and support through the last week, and even before that. Your thoughtfulness, your prayers, and your love were felt by my entire family throughout the last week. At Mom's funeral Mass, the voices coming from behind us were overwhelmingly beautiful. My brother and sister noted that "there was an angelic soprano voice..." It could have been one of several... but I do suspect they were hearing Anna Keeverline!

With my sister back in Columbus, my son, Peter, back in California with his family, and my daughter, Elizabeth, staying for awhile to work remotely before returning to Seattle, I have been able to take some time today to re-organize, and look forward to returning to my office full-time on Monday! I have been very appreciative of the space you have given me by directing your questions and concerns to others through the week, but I do want you to know that I am happy to be at your service once again!

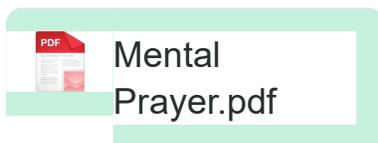
With that, I am going to bring you up to date on the things that I know are upcoming. I will catch up with the rest of the admin team on Monday, and may then have a few additional notes throughout the week!

Yours,
Leslie



Virtue of the month for April: HOPE!!!!

Practice of the Faith for April: Mental Prayer



And a special thank you to Father Rene for continuing to keep us well-grounded in virtue and faith!



May Crowning will be held at Mass outdoors at Aquinas Academy on Monday, May 17th, with a rain-date of Tuesday, May 18th. **Parents of second-graders should take**



particular note, as the second-graders will participate in a special way, wearing their first-communion clothing and crowning an image of Mary that day. Our third graders will also have the opportunity on that day to be enrolled in the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in a special scapular service after lunch, to which their parents will be invited.

We are currently discussing plans for a special lunch for the second and third graders and their parents (outdoors), and we will have more information soon!

Because several students were affected by quarantine or remote learning at the end of the third quarter (which ended on March 24), there were some grades that were incomplete, pending the submission of student work. **Report cards have been re-generated today to reflect grades that have changed with work handed in by students.** Please also see the **Q3 Honor Roll for Middle and High School.**

Congratulations to students on their efforts and achievement -- even under challenging circumstances at times!



MS Q3 Honor Roll.pdf



HS Q3 Honor Roll.pdf

PRO-LIFE TEE SHIRT DAY IS THIS FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH. *For those who ordered this year's shirt in advance, they will be distributed Monday and Tuesday. On Friday, students who wish to participate may wear this year's shirt, or any other year's pro-life tee shirt with their uniform pants or skirt. For lower school girls, the pro-life tee shirt may be worn with uniform pants, over or under the jumper, or with a pair of slacks appropriate for school.*

Also: Thank you to all who participated in Art for Life this year! It was wonderful to

see so much talent on just three tables. Whether you entered your own art or voted, your contribution will be greatly appreciated by many. **We made \$200 for Birthright of Pittsburgh which provides services, resources, and counseling for women and couples in a crisis pregnancy.** Their slogan is: "It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born." Thanks again for your generosity.

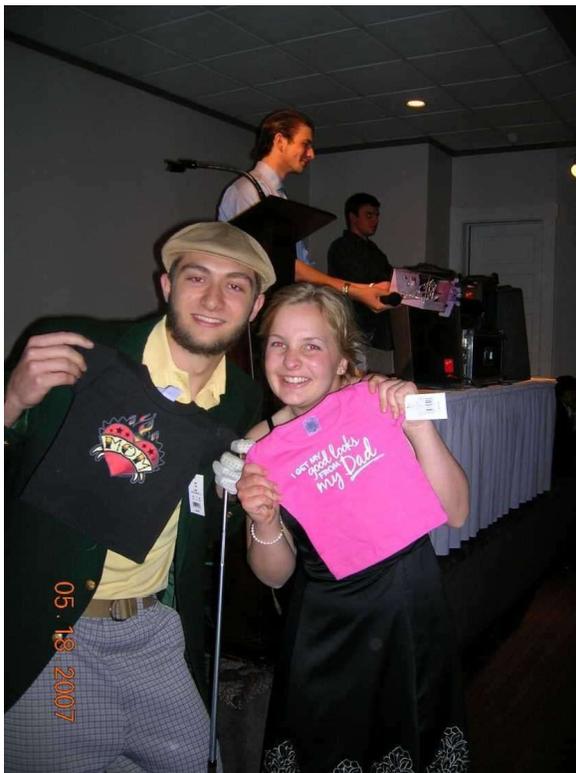
John Griffith

Vivat Vita Head

Parents of Juniors and Sophomores:

Note that the **School-Day SAT, available for Juniors, is on Tuesday, April 27th.** On that same day, **Sophomores will be taking the Pre-ACT (Tuesday, April 27th).**

This gives the sophomores the ability to note whether they are more inclined towards the SAT (having taken the PSAT in October), or the ACT (with this taking of the Pre-ACT). Please do not schedule appointments for that morning as there is no possibility to take either of these tests on a different day!



Familiar faces from the spring dance of 2007!

HIGH SCHOOL SPRING DANCE -- FRIDAY, APRIL 23RD!

In order to allow sufficient time to get ready for the Spring Dance on Friday night, **High School Students will be dismissed at 1:00.** Crusader Period will be moved to the end of the day, so **all classes will occur with the schedule slightly adjusted!**

If students are being picked up, please be prompt and arrive at 12:50 so that student may be dismissed and exit the lot promptly at 1:00 before Mass begins at 1:10. High School students may wish to pack a lunch to eat when dismissed at 1:00 as the schedule will not allow for lunch in order to finish the school day prior to dismissal!

FOR THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR:

Please note the school Activity Calendar (Google Calendar) on the website for end-of-year dates for this year:

Lower School last day and Award Ceremony: Friday, May 28th (dismissed at 2:00 after Mass)

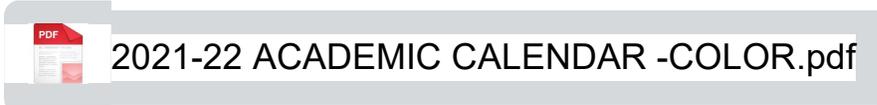
High School Baccalaureate and Commencement: Saturday, May 29th

Middle School Last Day of School: Thursday, June 3rd

Middle School Graduation: Friday, June 4th

High School Last Half-Day of Exams: Friday, June 4th

The Calendar for the 2021-2022 School Year is attached. **Please consider this a DRAFT FORM... but enough to begin to plan.** There is some variability based on construction. Note that MS/HS will begin earlier than Lower School, and Lower School will go a little longer than MS/HS. Please also note that **we have school on the Monday after Thanksgiving next year (due to a later start).** Please print the attachment for your reference. Should a revision become necessary, you will be notified...

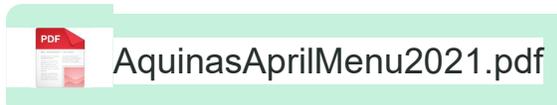


Zroni Pepperoni Roll Fundraiser for 8th Grade Field Trip... Aquinas Academy 8th grade is now selling Zroni Pepperoni Rolls to help support the cost of the Year-End Spring Field Trip! Just in time for the busyness of Spring and all that is going on!

Dinner is ready to go...fresh out of your oven! Orders and money are due **Thursday, April 22nd** , with Delivery/Pick-up on Thursday, May 6th. The order form and flyer are attached in the email. Checks can be made payable to Aquinas Academy and all orders with payments can be sent to the office c/o Zroni 8th Grade Fundraiser. You can direct any questions to Jamie Bezila . Don't delay...place your order today!



April **Cafeteria Menu** attached... Better late than never!



Aquinas Academy girls have a long-standing relationship with **Leaders Now** -- a program of leadership development for middle and high school girls. Annie Lang, a former Aquinas Academy parent, is president of the organization. Annie has provided for us a flyer for their **Summer Leadership Training Programs that will be offered at the LNI office in Wexford this summer for rising 8th and 9th grade girls**. Please see the attached flyer for information and registration...



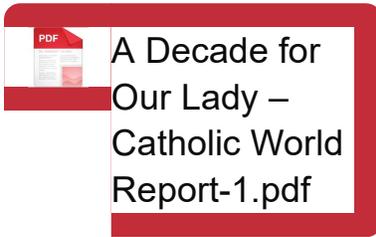
Dear Aquinas Family:

Keith Rothfus (dad of Alice in 8th grade and five other Aquinas alums) is working to see **an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe be placed in as many parishes as possible**. Keith explains the project in the attached flyer. Also attached is an article Keith wrote recently for Catholic World Report, which is a hopeful essay about the importance of Our Lady of Guadalupe to the Americas and the 500th anniversary of her apparition that will occur in 2031.



If you are interested in the project and would like to take the lead for your parish, Keith would like to hear from you.

Thank you,
Keith



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