

April 13, 2007

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

We hope everyone had a blessed Easter weekend. We continue to reflect on the meaning of the Easter as we celebrate Christ's Resurrection during this holy season. We pray that the blessings and joy of Easter be yours throughout the year.

Thank you to everyone who has submitted **registration paperwork**. We have received the majority of our enrollment forms. **If you have not yet brought yours in, please get it to us as soon as possible.** This will simplify our planning process.

We now turn our attention to our **summer program planning**. Please **submit your registration paperwork** for summer programs of interest. We will have to make decisions about these within the month. Last year we had several families who were disappointed because we canceled programs for which they were planning to register. Please don't let that happen again this year. Also, please remember that our **Extension Program is open throughout the summer**; students who take part in our summer programs can then join the Extension Program.

Our yearbook volunteers are hard at work putting together the **2006-2007 yearbook** and they **need your help**. If you have **pictures**, either standard or digital, please get them to us by **April 20**.

Due to scheduling conflicts, our **Spring Pageant has been postponed**. The new date will be Thursday, May 31.

The **Fifth Grade** will be having their last fundraiser of the year for their **Christian Service Project**. They will be having a **flower sale** to raise money for **Mississippi Home Again**. **Order forms will be going home next week, or you can pick them up at the office**. All orders are due by **May 8**, and flowers will be **delivered Tuesday, May 15**.

The Diocese of Burlington Youth Congress 2007 is scheduled for August 4-5. The Congress "gathers hundreds of Catholic teens from around Vermont to experience their Catholic Faith to its fullest. The all-day Saturday and Sunday event is organized by the Diocesan Youth Council (DYC), who prayerfully discern how Christ is leading their generation. They turn this reflection into two days of fun and powerful experiences of Eucharist, music, awesome Catholic speakers, deep prayer in adoration and reconciliation, workshops, group discussions, great food, and creative opportunities with many other young Catholics. (from the Diocese Youth Ministry flyer). The Congress costs \$100, including one overnight and meals. Early-bird registration deadline is May 1st. Interested 8th Grade students and/or parents may pick up information and forms at the office.

Our Lady of Ephesus House of Prayer invites you to celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy, Sunday, April 15 in Jamaica, Vermont. Religious activities include Confession, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and Mass (4:30 pm). For the schedule and information call Mary Tarinelli at 802-896-6573.

We are truly blessed here at St. Francis, and we are grateful to all who work so hard to make our school and our school community such a special place. Thank you all, and have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs. Maria Horton

Mrs. Kathryn LaVigne

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