

✠ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR ✠



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

“WHAT THEN WILL THIS CHILD BE?”

One hundred and thirty-three (133): that’s how many diplomas Brother Thomas Casey, FSC, the Executive Director of the De La Salle School at Our Holy Redeemer has awarded to graduates, and that’s how many times he has wondered: “What then will this child be?” (Saint Luke I:66) While there is no guarantee that any one of those 133 boys will grow up to challenge people to “prepare ye the way of the Lord” as did Saint John the Baptist, it is guaranteed that every one of them graduated with what it takes to “be ye prepared”. And that is Good News for those boys. And that is Good News about this Catholic School, this community of Faith, Knowledge, and Service.



As a community of Faith the members of the De La Salle School, before getting on a bus to go to a farm, walking to class to build a roller coaster, or going to the gymnasium to get parallel and perpendicular, gather in an assembly room and acknowledge: “we are in the Holy Presence of God”. “Without Faith it is impossible to please God!” (Hebrews XI:6)

As a community of Knowledge rooted in Faith, the members of the De La Salle School teach and discover the reasons behind the things they believe: about God, and His created world. “God wills everyone to be saved and come to the knowledge of the Truth.” (I Timothy ii:4)

As a community of Service, the members of the De La Salle School employ (at the cost of their time, talent, and treasure) Faith and Knowledge in service to others that is one of the hallmarks of an authentic community. “If I, therefore, the Master and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another’s feet.” (Saint John XIII:14)



What then will this Catholic School graduate be? Only time will tell if he will grow up to be **Cardinal, Archbishop of New York** like Timothy Dolan; grow up to be a **United States Supreme Court Justice** like Clarence Thomas; grow up to be the **United States Ambassador to the Holy See** like Raymond Flynn; grow up to be inducted into the **Major League Baseball Hall of Fame** like Babe Ruth; grow up to be a **Head Coach of an undefeated National Football League team** like Don Schula; grow up to be an **author of a book** about demonic possession like William Blatty; grow up to be the **founder of a Pizza business** like Tom Monaghan; or grow up to be the **“Founding Brother” of a Catholic School for boys** like Brother Thomas Casey, FSC. And so, if you have the time on Tuesday, 2 February at 12:10 P.M., please come home for Mass when Bishop Nelson Perez (with the boys from the De La Salle School present) will help us consider the question: “What then will this child be?”