



# OUR HOLY REDEEMER SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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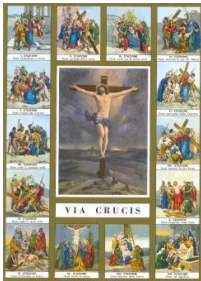
## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES



**FIRST HOLY  
COMMUNION  
BANNER  
WORKSHOP**

**THURSDAY (JUEVES)  
22 FEBRUARY (FEBRERO)  
7:00-9:00 P.M.  
IN SUMNER HALL  
(EN SUMNER HALL)**

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS (ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ)



**EVERY  
FRIDAY**

**7:30 PM  
English**

**8:30 PM  
Español**

**FEBRUARY (FEBRERO) 23  
MARCH (MARZO) 2, 9, 16, 23**

**Registration For  
2018-2019 School Year  
Is Open  
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*El Registro Para El Año  
Escolar 2018-2019  
Está Abierto***

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“...all Christians are bound to live a completely holy and divine life and to perform all their actions in a holy and divine spirit. This is not impossible.... On the contrary, it is very pleasant and easy for those who remember to lift up their mind and heart frequently to Jesus, and to unite themselves to Him in all that they do...”

-- St. John Eudes  
The Life and the Kingdom  
of Jesus Christ



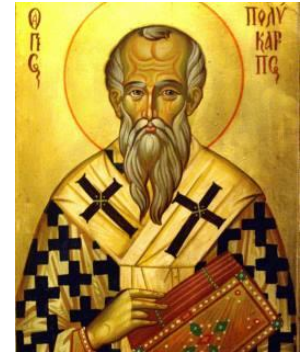
Simon Peter said in reply, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus said to him in reply “Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.”

Gospel of St. Matthew, XVI:16-19

## Missionary Disciples of the Week

**ST. POLYCARP, BISHOP AND MARTYR  
FEAST DAY: 23 FEBRUARY**

St. Polycarp was a direct disciple of St. John the Evangelist. He was the Bishop of Smyrna at that time, and what’s significant about him is how he lived and prayed prior to his death. During the time of Caesar Marcus Aurelius, persecution of Christians broke out in the region of Asia. St. Polycarp was arrested and taken from his home and brought before the proconsul (governor) who requested that he call the Caesar his Lord and pay homage to him and not Jesus Christ. Polycarp, of course refused and said the following, “I am resolved not to do what you counsel me.” Again



they threatened and asked him to “revile Christ” and he said the following, “Fourscore and six years have I served Him and He hath done me no wrong. How then can I blaspheme my King and Savior? If you require me to swear by the genius of Caesar, as you call it, hear my confession: I am a Christian...” The proconsul ordered him to death. It was determined that he should be tied to a stake and burned to death. Polycarp removed his clothing and willingly submitted himself to be tied to the stake. He powerfully prayed aloud looking to Heaven and at the final word, Amen, the pile of wood was set on fire. But, a supernatural occurrence happened—the flames surrounding St. Polycarp encircled him like the the arc that sails of a ship make when the wind catches them; and his body resembled that of bread and smelled of incense. When the order came to pierce St. Polycarp with a spear, a dove came forth, and from the wound, a large amount of blood poured forth and quenched the flames. It was said he died on 23 February 155 according to eye-witnesses who wrote of this event.