

**Saint Peter
School News
December, 2020**

Dear Parents,

This year as we begin the Advent season, a season of waiting, a season of hope, we realize that the word "waiting" takes on a very different meaning. We are all waiting for life to return to normal...to be able to enjoy family and friendships as we did before. During the season of Advent, we also celebrate two special feasts of our Blessed Mother- The Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mary always lived in hope and waited patiently during all the significant moments of her earthly life. In a homily for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pope Francis reminds us how Mary waited patiently and lived in hope: "This is how the Gospel presents her to us after the annunciation of the Angel. With haste — but without distress — she journeyed to Elizabeth's house to accompany her in the final stage of her pregnancy; she journeyed with haste to Jesus when the wine at the wedding feast ran out; and already with hair grayed with the passing of time, she journeyed to Golgotha to stand at the foot of the Cross; on that threshold of darkness and pain, she did not hide nor did she leave: she had journeyed in order to be there. She journeyed all the way to Tepeyac in order to accompany Juan Diego, and she continues to journey throughout the Continent when, through an image or prayer card, a candle or religious medal, a Rosary or 'Hail Mary', she enters a house, a prison cell, a hospital room, a rest home, a school, a rehabilitation clinic ... to say: "Am I not here, who am your Mother?" She knew closeness more than anyone else. She is a woman who journeyed with a mother's sensitivity and tenderness; she becomes a guest in family life, loosens the knots of the many problems we manage to create, and teaches us to remain standing amid the storms... At the school of Mary we learn to keep journeying in order to reach the place where we have to be: at the feet of and standing among so many lives who have lost or been robbed of hope. At the school of Mary we learn to journey through the neighborhood and through the city, not with the comfortable shoes of magical solutions, instant responses and immediate effects.... At the school of Mary we learn that her life is marked not by protagonism but by the capacity to enable others to be protagonists. She offers courage, teaches people to speak, and above all encourages people to live the boldness of faith and hope. In this way she becomes the transparency of the Lord's face who shows his power by inviting and calling people to participate in building up his living temple. She did this with the indigenous Juan Diego and with so many others to whom, enabling

them to emerge from anonymity, she gave voice, let them know her own face and her own history and made them protagonists in the latter, in our

salvation history... With Mary the Lord safeguards believers so they do not harden their hearts and may constantly know the renewed and renewing power of solidarity, capable of listening to God's pulse beating in the heart of the men and women of our peoples.

Confirmation Students

Please remember in your prayers our 8th grade students who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation:

Christopher Abreu	Yoniel Moronta
Marvin Alejo	Karen Olivares
Talyia Barroso	Jenhaydee Padilla
Isaac Castañeda	Angelina Peñaloza
Chandalee Cedeno	Alexa Ramirez
Jayden Donato	Isiah Rodriguez
Elenie Fields	Yuliana Rodriguez
Christopher Gallo	Cristopher Rosa
Aloyska Gonzalez	Noelia Torres-Roman
Carmen Hernandez	Leonardo Varela
Esmeralda Maya	Jesse Vargas

Bishop Schlert will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at Saint Peter Church on Wednesday, December 9 at 4:30pm.

IHM Junior Companions

We look forward to another year of a group of our 5th through 8th grade students learning about our IHM charism and growing in their spiritual journey. Sister Margaret will meet monthly with these students as they journey in their faith and social outreach:

Britney Martinez (5)	Gabriella Gomez (7)
Delayla Colon (6)	Alyna Guerrero (7)

Saint Peter School Book Club

Under the guidance of our wonderful librarian Mrs. Vida a monthly group of teachers and students read and discuss specific books. This year we are doing our meetings virtually. It is a very nice sharing of insights by our members:

Mrs. Vida	Mrs. Searfoss
Sister Anna	Mrs. Fleig
Isaac Castañeda (8)	Ben Rodriguez(7)
Angalie Sierra (7)	Assyria Woods (7)
Michael De Los Santos (7)	

Saint Peter School Christmas Tableau

We will have two presentations of our Christmas show which will be livestreamed for parents to see. It will also be recorded and a link will be posted on our school website. Since we will have children strategically spaced in church, we cannot allow any other spectators. The students will sing from their pews with masks on. Even though our

presentation is modified, all children will be able to participate in this memorable occasion.

