

Happy Days are Here Again!

In the 1970s, Fr. John Flaherty of St. Sylvester School in Brentwood, Pennsylvania, would preside at the opening school Mass. When it came time for the homily, he would begin by saying, "Happy days are here again." As you can imagine, the students in the congregation would look at each other, and no words were needed to convey their bewilderment at Father's statement. Summer is over; what could Father possibly be thinking?

Father Flaherty recognized the blessing of his parish school. He was excited to welcome back the students to begin a new year of learning Jesus, loving Jesus, and living Jesus. Although a lot of the children may not have appreciated the blessing at the time, the parents of the children did.

Today, we would like to relay to you the gratitude of *your* beneficiaries. The parents of those students receiving tuition aid absolutely recognize and appreciate the blessing they are receiving through your generosity. *Teach the Truth cannot adequately convey to you the depth of their appreciation. Their thank-you notes exude gratitude. Like Father Flaherty, these parents understand the blessing of a Catholic education, and they are most grateful to you for making it possible for their children to attend Catholic schools. Without your financial support, these parents would find it much more difficult and - for some - impossible to choose a faith-filled school over a secular school.*

At Teach the Truth Foundation, we thank you for making the 2016-2017 school year "happy days" for a growing number of students. Your donations are aiding students at Catholic schools across the Pittsburgh region. On your behalf, we are happy to help parents who want their children to learn about Christ and obtain the fullness of His truth. They realize that a good Catholic school is an excellent setting for a child to learn about Christ. We are thankful that God has inspired His generosity in your heart and that you have responded! Your contributions are making a difference *right now!* Thank you.

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Teach the Truth Foundation provides tuition aid and financial support to Catholic Schools so that all who seek to attend a Catholic school can do so regardless of financial need.

Established in 2014, we invite all those who feel called to aid in the mission to support Catholic Education in Western Pennsylvania to partner with us. Our goal is to ensure that the Catholic Schools continue to be an option to all parents of school-age children.

Catholic Schools have a wonderful legacy of providing an educational experience of outstanding quality with the foundational focus being Christ, the source of all true knowledge. The mission of Catholic Schools has been critical to the development of the United States and is even more critical today.

Students' Prayer by St. Thomas Aquinas

*Creator of all things,
true source of light and wisdom,
origin of all being,
graciously let a ray of your light penetrate
the darkness of my understanding.
Take from me the double darkness
in which I have been born,
an obscurity of sin and ignorance.
Give me a keen understanding,
a retentive memory, and
the ability to grasp things
correctly and fundamentally.
Grant me the talent
of being exact in my explanations
and the ability to express myself
with thoroughness and charm.
Point out the beginning,
direct the progress,
and help in the completion.
I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

JESUS, THE MEANING OF LIFE

"A Catholic school is a place where students live a shared experience of faith in God and where they learn the riches of Catholic culture...Catholic schools must help students to deepen their relationship with God and to discover that all things human have their deepest meaning in the person and teaching of Jesus Christ."

Pope St. John Paul II on May 30, 1998 to a group of US Bishops

"Education cannot be neutral. It is either positive or negative; either it enriches or it impoverishes; either it enables a person to grow or it lessens, even corrupts him. The mission of schools is to develop a sense of truth, of what is good and beautiful. And this occurs through a rich path made up of many ingredients. This is why there are so many subjects — because development is the results of different elements that act together and stimulate intelligence, knowledge, the emotions, the body, and so on."

Pope Francis, May 10, 2014

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