

A New School Year

*The Commissioning of the Disciples.** The eleven* disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore,* and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.* And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

MATTHEW, CHAPTER 28 *The New American Bible, Revised Edition (NABRE)*

As is typical in the Bible, there is a lot to pray about and consider even in a short chapter of the Bible. The Gospel of Mark concludes with the above words of Jesus. These being the last words recorded in Mark's account of the life of Jesus are as important today as they were when first recorded.

The mission of the Catholic School is anchored in the person of Jesus Christ. Christ tells His apostles to teach all nations to observe all that He has commanded them. Of course, this instruction was not meant just for His apostles, but for His Church which was founded upon them – one Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic. This mission rests in our hands now.

We are the Church as led under the guidance of the shepherds. Only in the heart and mind of God dwells a true understanding of why Christ left this critically important mission in our hands. What is important and clear is that it is the *will of God* that we pass along what He has taught us about the Father and the Holy Spirit. We are not absolved because we don't have all the answers or because we are sinners or because we are not getting it quite right. Everyone of the commandments which God wants us to pass along are rooted in God's love and mercy. It is the noblest of missions to see that Christ's commandment of Love is passed on to everyone, especially to the young.

Right now, a new academic year is beginning in our Catholic schools. Yes, students will be instructed in many subjects, but the most important lessons to be learned are rooted in Christ. Our Catholic schools are founded and exist primarily to convey to young people that their existence and happiness and destination are rooted in learning to love God and neighbor. Christ is the Truth. Only He can make us free to live a life of true purpose. No other academic institution for young people is able to daily communicate Christ's commandments.

Please pray for the ongoing success of Catholic schools. If you are also in a position to support us financially or know anyone who would be interested in providing support, we would very much appreciate it if you would let them know about us by referring them to our website, www.teachthetruthfoundation.org. Your support is allowing children to attend Catholic schools who otherwise would not be able to do so. Thank you for what you have done to respond to Christ's command to teach all nations through your prayers and financial support.

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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.

St. John Paul II Address to U.S. Bishops (1998):

In 1998, Pope Saint John Paul II stressed the importance of Catholic education in an address to U.S. Bishops and he stated, "Few areas of Catholic life in the United States need the leadership of the Bishops for their re-affirmation and renewal as much as ... [Catholic education] does.

Any such renewal requires a clear vision of the Church's educational mission, which in turn cannot be separated from the Lord's mandate to preach the Gospel to all nations. Like other educational institutions, Catholic schools transmit knowledge and promote the human development of their students... as the [Second Vatican] Council emphasized, the Catholic school does something else: 'It aims to create for the school community an atmosphere enlivened by the Gospel spirit of freedom and charity.

It aims to help the young person in such a way that the development of his or her own personality will be matched by the growth of that new creation which he or she has become by baptism. It strives to relate all human culture eventually to the news of salvation, so that the light of faith will illumine the knowledge which students gradually gain of the world, of life, and of the human family' (Declaration on Christian Education, Pope Paul VI).

Pope Francis :

"May you also be true evangelizers! May your initiatives be 'bridges,' means of bringing others to Christ, so as to journey together with him. And in this spirit may you always be attentive to charity. Each individual Christian and every community is missionary to the extent that they bring to others and live the Gospel, and testify to God's love for all, especially those experiencing difficulties." *May 10, 2014*

I support the mission of Teach the Truth and would like to donate to your efforts to make a Catholic education a reality for even more parents in the 2018-2019 academic year.

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