

Principal's Letter for October 2009



Dear Saint Mary's Families and Friends,

Autumn is finally here, and with it the promise of cooler days and evenings for us desert dwellers. What a nice change—one that energizes!

Reflecting on what to share with you this month, my *thoughts* were energized by recalling a special event that happened on our campus on September 1st, 7:00 a.m. in the school Chapel, Fr. Robert Bolding presiding. I am speaking of the commissioning of twenty Saint Mary's senior students as Eucharistic Ministers, seven of whom also were commissioned as Lectors. Another nine students had a special blessing imparted on them as they promised to serve worthily as greeters and ushers at school liturgical celebrations.

Actually, this is nothing new. We have been teaching, training and commissioning Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors at Saint Mary's now for about 15 years. For some reason, perhaps because of the many celebrations of the Blessed Mother during August and September, this year's commissioning was cause for deeper reflection than usual. The young men and women I saw were prayerful, with sincerity in their faces. The *calling* of the Virgin Mary-- a young woman about the age of the students standing in our Chapel--and her *yes* response to that call, came to mind. It occurs to me that these students also received a *call*, to proclaim the Word of God, and to share the Body of Christ with others—and they too said *yes*. What a statement of faith, with the actions to back it up, and in front of and for the purpose of serving their God, and their own peers! We should all be very proud of these students, and even more, pray for them, that they may remain faithful and true to the promises they made on that special day.

Eucharistic Ministers: Megan Griffith, Rachel Golubovich, Chelsea Ferrero, Sara Tellez, Lauren Guzman, Amy Fessler, Matthew McNaughton, Adalberto Gonzalez, Kiera McMorrow, Kaylee Matchinsky, Anthony Giorlando, Christian Heckel, Gabrielle Lout, Kevin Burton, Mark Ryan, Carly Marshall, Kathryn Kassman, Miranda Estrada, Jannette Tablas, Cynthia Soto

Lectors: Sara Tellez, Lauren Guzman, Matthew McNaughton, Adalberto Gonzalez, Sophia Doak, Miranda Estrada, Jannette Tablas

Ushers and Greeters (in addition to the above named students): Zachary Sanchez, Amanda German, Gabrielle Noriega, Micaela Rodriguez, Manori Suazo, Nikki Gonzales, Ryan Santana, Sydney Nims, Alexandra Ober

May God's special blessings be on each of these students and their families. Thank you for saying *yes*!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Fessler
Principal