



Diocese of Charlotte

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Dear MACS Parents, Students, Teachers and Staff Members,

Catholic Schools Week 2007 has ended, but the theme “The Good News in Education” continues. Throughout the past week I observed first-class Catholic education within the schools. At Saint Mark I was able to hear Father Robert Ferris' presentation on his journey to the priesthood. The sixth-grade students sat with eyes and ears intent on all his words. After reading a story to the first graders at Saint Gabriel, I answered their many questions. As I left the classroom one young lady walked up and said, “If you come back and have any questions for our class you can just ask me because I’ll be here for five years.” At Charlotte Catholic I was able to observe the students working on amazing art projects and religion research projects prior to the Mass. I was summoned to the Assistant Principal’s office for being one of the “unknown drivers” who parked in the visitor’s lot. Luckily, I was recognized as an official visitor and did not have to serve lunch duty.

If you asked the students and teachers about the best part of the week, I am sure it would be the day off on February 1st. This year we scheduled 178 student days for the year. With SACS standards we must have 175 student days, so we do not need to make-up the February 1st date. February 19th is still scheduled as a holiday.

Congratulations to Jo Cabana, Tennis Coach at Charlotte Catholic, who was recently inducted into her high school Hall of Fame in Florida. Congratulations, also, to our Holy Trinity and Charlotte Catholic band students who were selected to participate in the NC Band Concert on January 27th.

Thank you to the Regional PTO Presidents, Carole Breerwood and Shelley Earnhardt for their time and work on our third-annual All-MACS Catholic Schools Week Mass. Bishop Curlin was the celebrant and his words of thanks to the parents, teachers and administrators were well received. The singing by the All-MACS elementary choir was outstanding. Special thanks to Brian Dubois, Music teacher at Saint Ann and OLA, for his leadership of the choir. We look forward to an even larger choir next year.

As the Lenten Season begins this month, let us all remember to keep Christ close in our prayers, fasting and sacrifices. Have a blessed month.

Sincerely,

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