

Saint Peter School News June, 2024

Dear Parents,

We rejoice as we come to the end of another school year filled with so much accomplishment and growth. We are so proud of the many achievements of each of our students. We now look forward to more relaxing summer schedule. As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, I share with you the Pentecost message of Pope Francis: "In our world today, there is so much discord, such great division. We are all "connected", yet find ourselves disconnected from one another, anesthetized by indifference and overwhelmed by solitude. So many wars, so many conflicts: it seems incredible the evil of which we are capable! Yet in fact, fueling our hostilities is the spirit of division, the devil, whose very name means "divider". Yes, preceding and exceeding our own evil, our own divisions, there is the evil spirit who is "the deceiver of the whole world". He rejoices in conflict, injustice, slander; that is his joy. To counter the evil of discord, our efforts to create harmony are not sufficient. Hence, the Lord, at the culmination of his Passover from death to life, at the culmination of salvation, pours out upon the created world his good Spirit: the Holy Spirit, who opposes the spirit of division because he is harmony, the Spirit of unity, the bringer of peace. Let us invoke the Spirit daily upon our whole world, upon our lives and upon any kind of division! Along with his work in creation, we see the Holy Spirit at work *in the Church*, beginning with the day of Pentecost. We notice, however, that the Spirit does not inaugurate the Church by providing the community with rules and regulations, but by descending upon each of the apostles: every one of them receives particular graces and different charisms. Such an abundance of differing gifts could generate confusion, but, as in creation, the Holy Spirit loves to create harmony out of diversity. The harmony of the Spirit is not a mandatory, uniform order; in the Church, there is indeed an order, but it is "structured *in accordance with the diversity of the Spirit's gifts*". At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descends in tongues of fire: he bestows upon each person the ability to speak other languages and to understand in his or her own language what is spoken by others. In a word, the Spirit does not create a single language, one that is the same for all. He does not eliminate differences or cultures, but harmonizes everything without reducing them to bland uniformity... Let us think about this: the Spirit does not begin with a clearly outlined program, as we would, who so often become caught up in our plans and projects. No, he begins by bestowing gratuitous and superabundant gifts. Indeed, on that day of Pentecost, as the Scripture emphasizes, "all were filled with the Holy Spirit". *All were filled*: that is how the life of the Church began, not from a precise and detailed plan, but from the shared experience of God's love. That is how the Spirit creates harmony; he invites us to experience our amazement at his love and at his gifts present in others. As Saint Paul tells us: "There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit... For in the one Spirit were all baptized *into one body*". To see each of

brothers and sisters in the faith as part of the same body of which I am a member: this is the harmonious approach of the Spirit, this is the path that he points out to us!"



Celebration of First Communion

We rejoice with our students who received this special sacrament on May 4:

Brianna Burgos (2)	Yianna Vargas (2)
Mayrenis Cabrera (2)	Zul Vargas (2)
Emily Escalante (2)	Esther Corona (3)
Marjorie Espinal (2)	Dawany Santos (3)
Ana Figueroa (2)	Joniel Sierra (3)
Jayden Garcia (2)	Jiovanni Tineo (3)
Ilianna Gonzalez (2)	Danna Peralta (4)
Ezekyel Guerrero (2)	Emily Frias (6)
Ilianna Hernandez (2)	Carmen Jordan (6)
Alexander Juarez (2)	Alanna Peralta (6)
Alexandra Martinez (2)	Jossany Santos (6)
Gareth Moreno (2)	Angelis DeSalas (7)
Jasslyn Moronta (2)	Ana Frias (7)
Amahia Plasencia (2)	Jaison Jordan (7)
Daniel Santiago (2)	Lindsay Piña (7)
Max Varela (2)	Mael Vargas (7)



Nolde Forest Art Contest

We are so proud of our finalists and winners for the Nolde Forest Art Contest. We are also so proud of our Art Teacher, Mrs. McCann, who brings out the artistic talent of our amazing students:

Janelle Abreu (6)	Ashley Duran (6)--1st Pl.
Jose Ramos Rodriguez (4)	Gabriela Caloca (8)
Valerie Torres (4)	Anabel Salvador (8)
Nathan Velasquez (4)	Milagros Solis (8)--HM
Danilyn Muñoz (5)	



CYO Art Show at GoggleWorks

Saint Peter School proudly announces its participants and winners* in the Annual CYO Art Show. The artistic masterpieces are on display at the GoggleWorks. We congratulate our very talented art teacher, Mrs. McCann and her 6th, 7th, and 8th grade winning students:

Janelle Abreu (6)*	Jocelyn Rodriguez (7)
Naiyade Cedeno (6)	Saray Rodriguez (7)
Adalis De La Cruz (6)*	Crisailly Salvador (7)*
Emily Frias (6)	Alvin Sanchez (7)*
Khalya Johnson (6)	Chris Yepez (7)*
Diego Nuñez (6)*	David Zavala (7)
Alanna Peralta (6)*	Karina Andrade (8)
Jossanny Santos (6)	Gabriela Caloca (8)
Lisbeth Perez (6)	Jenelsie Espinal (8)
Liliana Santiago (6)	Francheska Kranwinkel (8)
Tristan Santiago (6)*	Tony Pesante (8)*
Janellys Abreu (7)	Zamazarie Ramirez (8)*
Nelson Carmona (7)	Tiffany Rodriguez (8)*
Ana Frias (7)	Anabel Salvador (8)*
Isabella Gonzalez (7)	Javier Sandoval (8)
Xavi Martinez (7)*	Jose Sanchez (8)*
Dulcemaria Ramirez (7)	Milagros Solis (8)*
	Jasmine Vargas (8)*

