

Notre Dame Family,

As we enter into the month of May, we remember and pray for his Holiness, Pope Francis, of happy memory. As the College of Cardinals prepare themselves for the election of the next Pope, we are reminded that this is a season of transition. For the Church, we are transitioning from one Pope to the next. For you and your families, it is also a time of preparation, in order to transition to the next cycle of life. And through it all, it is the Lord who guides each of us, if we are willing to listen, to ask for guidance and to trust in his providence. We are reminded that Jesus' disciples transitioned from fear and locked doors after the Lord's crucifixion to service, preaching and mission after the resurrection. In the same way, we cannot allow fear and closed hearts from allowing us to move forward and follow the Lord wherever it is he sends us. He reminds us, "I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). We are reminded that the Lord is in care of all things, he asks us simply to trust in him.

We ask that you pray for those students who have prepared and are going to take their AP tests in the upcoming weeks. We are grateful for the teachers who prepared them and there is no doubt in my mind that our students will be successful. We are also grateful for the students, parents, faculty and staff that just returned from Italy and Spain. I hear that all who were able to go had a fantastic time. I hope that everyone enjoyed their time away from school and were able to relax with their families and loved ones.

As we near the end of the school year, there are some upcoming events for parents, alumni, faculty and staff to attend. This Saturday, May 3rd, we will be hosting our Annual "Spring Fling", in which we will have food, drinks, music and gathering as a Titan Family. For more information, please go to https://www.notredameriverside.org/springfling. In addition, during the summer months, Notre Dame will be hosting a variety of camps for your children. If you are interested in what Notre Dame is offering, please go to https://www.notredameriverside.org/summercamps. We also want to remind you that our Enrollment is open and can be accessed through our website. Finally, as we announced last month, Bishop Alberto Rojas will be on Notre Dame Now Podcast, being interviewed. We thank Bishop Rojas for saying yes!

As always, I ask that you continue to pray for Notre Dame, our faculty and staff, as well as myself. Remember that I pray for the entire Notre Dame Family, daily. As I tell the students, faculty and staff, and all of you; we are made in God's image and likeness and

that makes us good, beautiful and holy and the ultimate purpose of our lives is heaven. We walk together on the journey, because "We are ND!" Our Lady of Victory, pray for us.

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