NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

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Notre Dame Family,

In the Gospel of St. Matthew, when questioned about the resurrection of the dead, the Lord Jesus tells the Sadducees what God told Moses; “I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob”, then he continues, saying, “He is not the God of the dead but of the living” (Matthew 22:32). This is a reminder that the God we worship is not the God of the dead and what he desires for all of us is eternal life. He wants heaven for us so fervently that he has given us the gift of praying for those who have died.

In the Second Book of Maccabees, it states that Judas Maccabeus and his soldiers “prayed that the (deceased soldiers) sinful deed might be fully blotted out” and in doing so, he “acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection in mind, making “atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin.” (2nd Maccabees 12:42, 43, 46).

This story serves as a reminder that as members of the Body of Christ, we are able to assist those who have died, by uniting ourselves to the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross, offering our difficulties for those who have died, that their sins may be forgiven and they may be cleansed from sin to enter to eternal life. We are reminded in the Book of Revelation that the “prayers of the holy ones went up before God from the hand of the angel” (Revelation 8:4) and the angel “was given a great quantity of incense to offer, along with the prayers of all the holy ones, on the gold altar that was before the throne” (Revelation 8:3).

During this month of November, we ask all our families to pray for those who have died; family members, friends, co-workers and even those who are unknown. Unite yourselves to the Lord Jesus, offer your hardships and difficulties, so that those who still have the stain of sin on their souls, may be cleansed and enter into God’s eternal kingdom, where “God will wipe away every tear from their eyes” (Revelation 7:17)

For the last month, we have had Mrs. Katie Kerr, Mrs. Angel Ragadio, student ambassadors and myself, visit partner schools, to promote Notre Dame HIgh School. We are grateful to Mr. Chris Johnson and Mrs. Katie Kerr for producing a Notre Dame promotional video, highlighting Notre Dame culture and student life. Because of the video and the presence of our Student Ambassadors, many of the partner school students had

many questions about what Notre Dame has to offer, from community, academics, clubs, athletics, faith life and tuition assistance. Our goal every year is to ensure that we have at least 100 students in each class, with the ultimate goal of having between 500 to 600 students at Notre Dame.

As a reminder, as of November 1st, the enrollment portal is open for SY 2027-28. As a school, our best recruiters are our students and their families. If you know anyone with High School age children, who want a faith based school, grounded in the dignity of the human person, who desire a school that will help them be what God intended them to be, please invite them to our "Discover ND" Open House on Saturday, November 7th from 9am to 12pm, so that we can welcome them and answer any questions they may have. Thank you for being recruiters for Notre Dame!

Finally, I am grateful for those parents who are part of the Notre Dame School Board. They are Mrs. Beckie Wilbur, Mrs. Erika Brambila, Mrs. Deanna Dominguez, Mrs. Robin Apodaca, Mr. Danny Saldana, Mr. Steven Fitch, Mr. Frank Mankin (Alumni). We had our first meeting of the year in which we discussed and approved this year's proposed budget, changes in the Parent-Student Handbook and the 2027-28 Tuition and Fees. We will also have a School Board Orientation this Wednesday, November 4 and our regular meeting on November 18 at 6pm.

As always, I thank all of you and know that you are in my prayers and I ask that you continue to pray for our students, faculty, staff, volunteers, benefactors and myself. May the Lord bless each one of you, your loved ones and may we accompany each other to our eternal home, the Kingdom of Heaven. Together, we are ND!

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