

Learning today...
Aprendiendo hoy...



Leading tomorrow...
Dirigiendo mañana...

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"Father in Heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Savior and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in His presence and welcome the Light of his Truth."

-Opening prayer First Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2016

Dear St. John Vianney School Community,

The good news of Christmas rings in our ears and embraces our hearts, filling us with new hope and enduring joy. As a school community, we began our Advent journey embraced by the prayer above. It served as a guide as we looked at our present lives and reflected on the second coming of Christ in our own lives and at the end of the ages. These past four weeks we have spent time in a renewal of our Christian faith. Like Mary, we prayed that our minds would be open to receive in new ways the Word of God through the Scriptures. We prayed to grow in the strength of Christ's love and to be open to the light of Truth, so that we may be generous, forgiving and full of hope.

In the Letter to the Hebrews, often selected as one of the readings on Christmas day, St. Paul touches upon the **spiritual** impact of Christmas. *"In many and various ways, God spoke in times past to our fathers through the prophets; but in these last days He has spoken to us through a Son, whom He appointed the heir of the cosmos, through whom also He created the world. He reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of His nature, upholding the universe by His Word of power"* (Heb. 1:1-3). This letter enables us to know that **Jesus Christ alone brings to us the full revelation of God** and that He alone enables us to **enter into His very presence**. In Jesus, God has entered humanity, eternity has invaded time, and things can never be the same again.

Christ is the ultimate Word of God to the world. Jesus is the shining of God's glory among men. He is the glory of suffering love. As we remember each other at Christmas Mass, let us also pray for each other as we receive from the Eucharistic table the "Savior of the world".

As we welcome the Infant Savior this Christmas, let us also welcome in His name all those whose lives intertwine with ours, offering them generosity, forgiveness, love and peace.

May Christ's Joy and Peace be yours this Christmas and in the New Year!

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