



# AHS PARENT CONNECTION

## KEEPING YOU INFORMED March 19, 2020



**Mission:** *To inspire excellence and personal growth grounded in Catholic principles and tradition*  
**Vision:** *A community of academic excellence, Catholic in spirit and culture, nurturing integrity and respect.*

### FROM THE DESK OF FATHER BECKER: *Changed for Life*

Just the other day someone was lamenting to me that things will never be the same again. Life itself will be drastically different after Coved-19 runs its course. In many ways this is a sad thought, yet in other ways this thought is something really good.

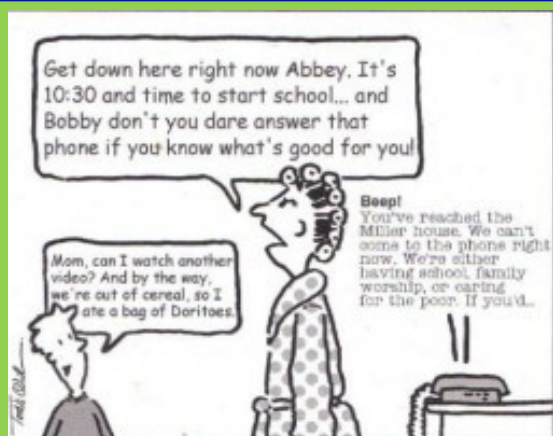
Why do we send our children to school? Why do we encourage them to get involved with music, sports, or any other extra-curricular? Is it not that we want these various activities to “change” our children? To help them grow? That their lives are different from having gone through these experiences? There are plenty more examples of this phenomenon. We engage in some event or some experience in hopes that we become better people because of them.

Instinctively we are not satisfied with the status quo regardless of how happy we are. We recognize that change is a good thing. Uncertain? Scary? Exciting? All of the above. There is always some sort of motivation, altruistic or selfish, to undertake difficult tasks to accomplish growth within our person. An athlete puts in hours of grueling practice to achieve physical perfection within their sport. Musicians hammer the same notes and measures hour after hour until they master a music selection. Scholars spend countless hours poring over books and lecture notes to learn and internalize the wisdom of the masters. We all choose for ourselves or encourage our children to take on challenging activities to develop and become something and someone different than we were before.

No different can be the devastating situation we’ve been thrust into. Fear and uncertainty seem to reign supreme. The “gods” that we are all tempted to worship have almost all fallen; the god of sports, the god of work, the god of health, the god of control... One god remains. The only *true* God. He is here. Our idols have been smashed. The false gods many of us “worship” by the time we allot them and the importance we give them in our lives have faded away. Their futility has been exposed and their disappearance caused and still causes us to examine what or Who we worship. Yes, we haven’t made the choice to undergo this virus. However we do have the choice to use this time to become a better person because of this difficult experience or remain transfixed on the past. Maybe you and I need to reevaluate ourselves. Quite possibly we can use this time to take a good hard look at what or Who we worship. Are my Sundays for God or sports? Has my work become more important than my family? Is my reputation and self-sufficiency at the center of my existence?

In no way is God punishing us through Coved-19. However He allows it to exist. Why? Could it be that our heavenly Father is encouraging us to utilize Coved-19 as one of those experiences that we can grow from? One of those experience *because* of which we become better people? In no activity we undertake is the goal to remain the same. We always desire to change. As life fluctuates day by the day, I urge you to make the conscious decision to use this experience as an opportunity to become a better child of your heavenly Father. Examine your conscience. Have you been worshipping the one true God or something else? How will your spiritual life be different from enduring Coved-19?

P.S. If you need to go to the sacrament of Confession call a priest to set up a time. We are ordained for this. My number is 715-383-0894.



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Wondering how I can get this kid transferred out of my class.

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WE CAN  
DO THIS.**



**OUR  
AWESOME  
FATHER  
AARON  
BECKER**

**HE IS THE  
BEST!**

