



# AHS PARENT CONNECTION

## KEEPING YOU INFORMED May 15, 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.*

Dear Parents,

*It is hard to believe that there is only one week left in our school year. No one could have ever guessed that we would have been asked to overcome the challenges that we have faced since March 13. There are a few details that are important for our families to be aware of as we move into the final days of May.*

*We will not be following a traditional final exam schedule. Some teachers are opting not to give exams, others will be giving modified exams and still others will assign a final project. Each teacher will be communicating their expectations to their students.*

*May 22 will be the last day of instruction; however, there may be some assessments that will be due after that date.*

*There is a sign up genius for families to choose a time to pick up and drop off school materials and personal belongings. Please sign up for a time to return all textbooks, chrome-books, hotspots, pay fees and pick up your child's personal belongings that have been stored in the lockers*

*We realize that the past months have been a huge challenge for us all and I am proud of how the Assumption community has come together to support each other through it all. I would like to ask one more time for your help in encouraging your student to continue to work hard and finish the school year strong.*

God bless,  
Anne Zacher

### *The Wisdom of Father Becker: Hope Born of Suffering*

Last weekend I received a call from my dad, asking me for help in putting his crops in the ground. Gladly I went home for a few days to do just that. I spent two and a half days from sun up to sun down in the tractor just like old times. It was a lot of work, but a ton of fun. I found myself singing along to the radio at the top of my lungs as I was jostled all around the tractor cab by the rough ground. It was really quite comical that during all this a thought struck me. There I was preparing the ground to be planted. The ground which had become hard and lifeless was being ripped open and shaken up for the sole purpose of new life.

By the time the ground was ready to be planted, I had worked the Fall-plowed ground at least twice. The digger I was pulling behind my four wheel drive tractor consisted of numerous large curved teeth which dug into the ground and ripped it open. Earth which had become comfortable and stagnant was now being thrust open. Soil which had become closed off to growth soon laid exposed and vulnerable to the weather and soon new life in the form of seed. In a sense that ground was subjected to immense "suffering". The sharp and unrelenting teeth of my digger cut through the soil. At the forceful pressure of the tractor hydrolics and precision of the digger, the ground was overturned and broken into pieces. Yet despite the "suffering" the soil endured, the ground was given new vitality. The hardened ground now pulverized into a soft seed bed possessed the hope of new life. Weeds were uprooted and the prospect of desirable plants invigorated the purpose of the soil. Though the ground "suffered" the effects of the digger, a living hope could be seen throughout the trying process which otherwise would not have been there had the ground been left untouched.

As I pulled the digger over the rough ground last week, I got to thinking that the various "sufferings" we endure possess an inherent hope of new life. Of course while we are suffering it's really difficult to see any hope, any light at the end of the tunnel. So often when trials come we are like that hard ground. We want things to be the same rather than change. It's so easy for us to become comfortable and "lifeless" with the status quo, resistant to anything new. At times, our attitude during periods of suffering prevent us from recognizing the hope our struggles. Whether it be the loss of a loved one, a job change, the inability to celebrate graduation as we'd like, relocation, financial struggles, etc., these sufferings possess a supernatural hope born of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Christ.

In times of suffering, especially immense suffering, the rubber meets the road, so to speak. Not merely are we left questioning why God would allow suffering, but our faith in the resurrection of our Lord is tested. There is no resurrection from the dead if Jesus did not first die. His suffering death became the condition of eternal life. Out of suffering and death on a cross, God revealed a new life for all. Out of the most hopeless situation and unimaginable suffering, hope of eternal life was born. Through His triumph of the cross an instrument of torture become an instrument of life. By His resurrection a lifeless tomb became a vibrant cavern of hope.

Driving tractor for all that time was awesome. It was really exciting knowing that I was preparing the ground for new life. The condition of the soil's new life was its "painful" tilling. So too is suffering the condition of our own growth and the betterment of our person. As our hearts are torn open we look to Him Whose heart was torn open on the cross. God gives us the sure and certain hope that if He can bring life from death in His Son, so too, can He bring growth and new life from whatever trials we have, are, or will endure—a hope born of suffering.

# Life at Assumption High School



This year the First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center had to hold their annual Walk for Life fundraiser virtually on May 9th, but the Assumption High School students "showed up" virtually in a big way! This year AHS students, families, and staff formed a team of 41 walkers raising over \$4,500 for the center! We are so proud of our students and grateful for the ACS community support for this important cause. Held on Mother's Day weekend, the walk raised money for the important operations that this center provides women and their families throughout the year helping to bring the culture of life to our community. Thank you students and sponsors for all your hard work! You proved that just because we cannot physically all be together right now doesn't mean we can't show our love and commitment to one another and make a difference in our world.



*GREAT MEMORIES*