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A Weekly Newsletter for Seton Parents & Students

UPCOMING EVENTS

Seton Live Calendar

Oct 19	End of the First Quarter
Oct 20	Project PRO Day 9-3 Admission Test 9:45 Student led Holy Hour of Praise & Worship 7-8:15 in Chapel

Oct 25 Band Nursing Home

Oct 27 Halloween Dance

Oct 29 PRO Meeting 7:30 PM

Oct 31 7th & 8th Periods—JHS All Hallows Eve Party

12:20 Dismissal for Parent/ Teacher Conferences 1-5 PM

Nov 1 All Saints Day—No School

Nov 4 Clocks move back 1 hour Open House 2-4

Nov 5 Cemetery Visit after 8:30 Mass

Nov 7 College Workshop 7-8:30

Nov 8 Make-Up Picture Day

Nov 10 Calapanta Movie—held at All Saints PAC at 7PM

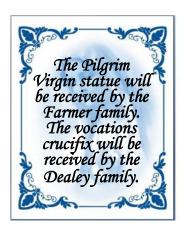
Nov 12-16 Spirit Week

Nov 17 Admission Test 9:45 Enthronement Dance 7-10:30

Nov 19 Military Day during lunches Fatima Prayer Group 7PM

Nov 21 1:20 Dismissal 3 on 3 BB for Haiti

Nov 22-23 Thanksgiving Break



FROM THE DIRECTOR

IRST PRO MEETING OF THE YEAR: Monday, October 29, join other parents and faculty for the first PRO meeting. Refreshments and socializing begin at 7:00 PM in Faustina. Confessions will also be available from 7-7:30 with Fr. Noah. At 7:30, we will hear our guest speaker, Dr. Richard Gildersleeve of the Bioethics Department at Pope John Paul the Great High School. Dr. Gildersleeve will be speaking on *Humanae Vitae* in honor of the 50th anniversary of this landmark encyclical. A few years ago, Dr. Gildersleeve spoke on bioethics issues, so we know that he is a dynamic and informative speaker. You don't want to miss this talk. After the talk will be a short business meeting. See you there!

REPORT CARD CONFERENCES: School will dismiss at 12:20 on October 31 for parent-teacher report card conferences, from 1:00-5:00. If you student has a D (76 or below) or F in any class, please call the office to make an appointment with the teacher. These conferences have proved valuable in helping teachers and parents work together to help the students succeed. If you cannot come to school during the available hours, please call your child's teacher to make an individual appointment. You may also make an appointment for the conferences even if you child's grades are above 76, if you see a need for improvement or have other issues you wish to discuss. The teachers are making this time available for you. Please take advantage of the opportunity.

HUMANAE VITAE, 50TH ANNIVERSARY. When *Humanae*



Vitae was first released, the dissenters claimed that it was not an infallible teaching, but one on which each person could make up his mind. The fact is, H.V. meets all the criteria for infallibility laid down by the First Vatican Council. Here is a summary of those criteria applied to H.V.

First, the teaching must be on faith and morals. Clearly contraception is a moral issue, and Article 4 of *Humanae Vitae* states that the Church's teaching on this issue is "a doctrine founded on the natural law, illuminated and enriched by divine revelation."

Second, the teaching must be *ex cathedra*, in the Pope's official capacity as head of the Church. In Article 4, Paul VI writes, "Jesus Christ when communicating to Peter and to the Apostles His divine authority and sending them to teach all nations His commandments, constituted them as guardians and authentic interpreters of all the moral law." Then in Article 6 the Pope states that he is writing this encyclical "by virtue of the mandate entrusted to us by Christ."

Third, the teaching must bind the universal Church. In Article 14 the Holy Father says that direct abortion, direct sterilization, and contraception are all "absolutely excluded as licit means for regulating birth." He says that abortion is to be "absolutely rejected," that sterilization is "equally to be condemned," and that contraception is "similarly to be rejected." Since the encyclical is addressed to the universal Church, the Pope is leaving no room for dissent. In Article 28, the Holy Father says that obedience to this teaching "obliges . . . because of the light of the Holy Spirit, which is given in a particular way to the pastors of the Church in order that they may illustrate the truth."

MASSES AND ROSARIES

Monday Mass
All Saints 8:30 AM
Rosary
Tues-Fri 8:00 AM
in the Chapel



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for Alan McDonald

Thank

You

Mrs. Rogers for providing the priests lunch and dinner for Mrs. Carroll and Mr. Westhoff, and Fr. Davis for saying Mass.

Friendly Dress Code Reminders

Only approved Seton outerwear maybe worn on campus. No other outerwear maybe worn at anytime during the day. Page 2 Volume 25, Issue 8

HUMANAE VITAE, 50TH ANNIVERSARY (criteria applied to H.V. con't):

Finally, the teaching must be definitive; it must settle the question. In Article 6, the Holy Father writes, "We now resolve, by virtue of the mandate entrusted to us by Christ, to give Our reply to these grave questions." In Article 14, he uses the Latin phrase "Iterum debemus edicere" to introduce the condemnation of contraception. The word "edicere," translated here as "declare," is commonly used in definitive papal teachings. (This summary is taken from Brian Harrison, O.S., "The Ex Cathedra Status of the Encyclical Humanae Vitae Faith and Reason, Spring 1993 pp. 25-78.) the fundamental reason why contraception is intrinsically evil.

SUFFERINGS IN THE CHURCH: In this month of the Holy Rosary, let us continue to offer Rosaries in reparation, for the healing of the victims, and for the repentance of those who have committed these sins. Also this month we have the feast of St. Faustina Kowalska, apostle of the Divine Mercy; and St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, who received the apparitions of the Sacred Heart, also with a message of Divine Mercy. Let us pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and honor the Sacred Heart in our homes to ask the infinite mercy of God to bathe our Church in His love.





Top Reasons to Join Seton Swim Team

- 1. Hangout with friends on Saturday during FUN Swim Meets
- 2. Almost a quarter of the whole school is on the team
- Everybody swims, no one sits on the bench
- 4. Free pizza after Home Meets
- 5. Fun way to learn all 4 strokes. Swimming is a life skill.
- 6. Caring coaches and a cool group of parent volunteers
- Great way to get in shape
- Feel GREAT from the aerobic exercise & strength training
- 9. Swimming beats the winter blues
- 10. Challenge yourself to do hard things

Important Dates and Details

Mon, Oct 1st: Registration Opened on www.setonswimming.org Wed, Oct 24th: **New family Information meeting** at Seton at 7PM Tues, Nov 6th: **1st practice** at Central Park Aquatics at 6:04 AM

Sat, Nov 10th: Team Event—TBD

Everything you need to know is on www.setonswimming.org. Look under Meet & Team Info for the Swim Team handbook

For more information, please email Coach Koehr at Coach@KoehrFamily.com

HELP NEEDED: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER COORDINATOR

We are in need of a parent volunteer to coordinate substitute teachers. When teachers need a sub, they would call you, and it would be your responsibility to find them a sub from our established list. Sometimes emergency last minute subs are needed so we would need someone willing to receive phone calls from teachers starting at 6:30AM. The coordinator will keep a master calendar/list with all of the teacher absences and subs noted in case of a question from the office. For questions or to volunteer contact: Dr. Beth Carpenter, bcarpenter@setonschool,net or 703-690-1730. or the main office at 703-368-3220. Thank you for considering this very important job!



IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITIY REMINDERS FOR ALL!

SETON SERVICE DAY is this Sat from 9AM until around **3PM.** Please join us if you can, even if it's only for a limited time. There's lots to do and we'll end with food! Many hands make light work, so we hope to see you there. All are welcome! Sign-up here.

October 20 OPEN HOUSE - Holy Family Fraternity Secular Franciscans, Meeting Room No. 1, All Saints School, 9300 Stonewall Rd., Manassas, 9:30 a.m. Info: Peggy (703)963-0506.

Participate in our **Student Short Film Contest** and submit films to m@ttmoore.com no later than midnight, Oct 26th. Details: Films may be no more than three minutes in length; include a write-up of 50 words or less and cast and crew list; format should be mov/mp4/wmv sent via email or drop off a thumb to the front office.

Come to our first PRO meeting and hear Dr. Richard Gildersleeve who will be speaking on Humane Vitae on Mon, Oct 29th. Dr. Gilversleeve is a Bioethics teacher at John Paul the Great High School and holds many credentials in his field. The meeting begins at 7:00, with the opportunity for confession, and Dr. Gildersleeve will begin at 7:30. Come enjoy refreshments, enter to win door prizes, and learn from an exceptional expert on this allimportant topic.

Come see our Fall Film, Calapanta at All Saints in the PAC on November 10 at 7:00 PM - you won't want to miss it! More information on tickets, show times and film progress can be found at www.calapantamovie.com

Please join our new Fatima Prayer Group which will meet on the <u>third Monday of each month</u> to learn, live and spread the Messages of Our Lady of Fatima. We begin with the Holy Rosary at 7:00 pm in the Seton Chapel, followed

by our Prayer Group discussion from 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm in Mrs. Carroll's classroom. The next meeting is on Mon, Nov 19th. For further information, please contact <u>Frank Spicer</u> at <u>571-334-5925</u> or email: <u>praydailyrosary@gmail.com</u>

Make our annual pilgrimage to the St Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine in Emmitsburg, MD on May 5th one of the best ever. Join in prayer, petition and preparation for this grace filled day in Seton's 44th year! Call or email Fran Van de Voorde for details.



The American Heritage Girls Troop 0681 will be holding a scarf drive. We are collecting knitted or crocheted scarves, hats or mittens; preferably in the adult male size for the Homeless Shelter. Items are due the week before Thanksgiving. Contact Catie Pacheco for info.

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288-6852. Sorry, no serrated knives

Tired of dull kitchen knives? We will sharpen your kitchen cutlery with an electric sharpener using 3-4 progressively finer grit belts, for razor-sharp results! \$5.00 for 6-13" butcher knives, \$3.00 for less than 6" (paring). Satisfaction guaranteed or you pay nothing. Return promised in 3 days or less. Convenient pick-up and return at Seton Mon-Fri. Contact Tricia Kellogg, RBSLSKellogg@gmail.com or 571-

Need senior pictures? Contact Seton alumna, Bernadette Rohan, at rohancollective@gmail.com to schedule your photoshoot! Price for full package is \$75.