



# OLPH NEWSLETTER

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School is committed to providing an affordable, quality education in a Catholic, Christian atmosphere within the framework of the teaching of Jesus and His Church.

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## Calendar Reminders

Sept. 5 - No School Labor Day Holiday

Sept. 6 - First Day of School for Preschool & Kindergarten; Minimum Day for Kindergarten only

Sept. 8 - First School Liturgy at 8:30 am; Back-to-School Night, 6:30-8:00

Sept. 9 - Emergency backpack and food supplies due

Sept. 10 - 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the School Celebration; Liturgy at 9:00 am; Dinner & Dance at 5:00 pm at PGA West Clubhouse

Sept. 12 - Halloween Carnival Pre-Meeting at 6:30 pm in room 103

Sept. 13 - First Parents' Club Meeting at 7:00 pm in the parish hall

Sept. 20 - School Picture Day; School Uniforms are required.

Sept. 29 - Parent Workshop at Xavier College Prep High School @ 7:00 pm

## Labor Day

Please remember that Monday, September 5 is Labor Day. There is no school that day. Classes will resume on Tuesday, September 6.

## Welcome Back!

Our Lady of Perpetual Help welcomes all our families back to school! Teachers and staff are back in the swing of school operations and especially teaching. Students are positive and excited to be with their school family. Thank you to all our families who assisted in preparations for the opening of school.

A very special thank you to the following parents and/or volunteers who participated in our First Maintenance Day on Saturday, August 27. You were awesome!

Mr. Hiep Cao, Mrs. Sandra Monreal, Mr. Willie Whiting, Ms. Alexandra Serna, Mrs. Norma Hilton, Mrs. Christine Becerra, Mrs. Silvia Aceves, Ms. Leticia Gamboa, Mr. Josue Villalta, Mrs. Marsha Villalta, Mr. Santiago Valenzuela, Mrs. Dora Solis

In addition, OLPH School would like to give a warm thank you, Mr. Daniel Flores, for repairs made to preschool and drinking fountains, and to Mr. McWay for pest control of the school grounds.

You are a blessing!

## Anniversary Celebration

As you have heard by now, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School will be celebrating 60 years of Catholic Education. The school opened its doors on September 11, 1951. This is a huge milestone for our community, and, therefore, we have been working hard planning this special occasion. This celebration will take place on Saturday, September 10, 2011. The day's events include the following:

- Liturgy at the church, 9:00 am
- Tour of the school following liturgy for our guests with mariachis and reception
- No host cocktail hour, 5:00 pm at PGA West Clubhouse
- Dinner and Dance, 6:00 pm at PGA West Clubhouse (Tickets for dinner/dance can be purchased in the office for \$45.00 each)

Please visit our anniversary website for more details at [www.olph60reunion.myevent.com](http://www.olph60reunion.myevent.com)

We are asking for your assistance in donating one of the following:

Small water bottles (8 ounces) or 2 dozen homemade cookies

These items will be used for the reception/hospitality after the liturgy. If your child brings one of these items in on Friday, September 9, he/she can come to school in appropriate free dress.

Also, if you are able to assist at the reception, please contact the school office.

We have many alumni and guests responding to this celebration. Your presence at the

liturgy on the 10<sup>th</sup> is so important. Please join us in this Eucharist Celebration and have your children come in school uniform.

We sincerely hope you can join us for this event. Keep in mind our next celebration will be in 15 years when the school celebrates 75 years, so this will be our last celebration for a while. Contact the school office for dinner/dance tickets or for more information.

## Emergency Preparedness

Please keep in mind that your child's earthquake backpack and canned food items are due next Friday, September 9. These items will be placed in our storage container for the 2011-12 school year. If you are able to assist in loading the items in the storage container, please contact the school office.

## Family Envelope

On the first day of school all families received a family envelope which contained the following:

Emergency card, uniform policy, media release form, volunteer form, Parents' Club letter, Bishops' Car raffle tickets, lunch menu for September, emergency preparedness, and PE information.

Your response in returning these necessary forms is important, especially the emergency card. Keep in mind that the school cannot release a student to someone who is not on the emergency card. We need this contact information as soon as possible if you have not yet turned in the form.

## Back-to-School Night

Thursday, September 8 is Back-to-School Night.

We will begin at 6:30 pm in the lunch area with prayer and



introductions, followed by two sessions to meet with your child's teacher. We encourage all families to attend this important evening.

## Halloween Carnival

On Monday, September 12 we will have a meeting for the upcoming Halloween Carnival. Anyone is invited to attend this meeting. We will be discussing booths for all grades and present this at our First Parents' Club Meeting. If you can attend, it will certainly be appreciated. Your input is important. The meeting will begin at 6:30 in room 103



## Parents' Club News

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, September 13 for our First Parents' Club Meeting. It will be held in the parish hall at 7:00 pm. It is important that a member of each family is present. Your participation is valuable. We hope to see you here!

## Uniforms

Thank you to all our families who are complying with the school's dress code. The students look great in the new uniforms. Keep in mind when students attend a service in the church they must dress appropriately.

For the boys-oxford shirt with pants or shorts  
For the girls-oxford shirt or peter pan blouse with skirts (5-8); Peter Pan blouse with jumper (k-3)

In addition, students need to wear appropriate colored tennis shoes: navy blue & white, all white, or all navy blue (high-top tennis shoes are not allowed). Pink, orange, green, black or any other colored shoe is not allowed. Your support is appreciated in following the school's dress code

## Sports

We are in need of football and volleyball coaches. The season is 2 months long-September-October. If you can coach and/or assist, please contact Mr. Dreisbach for further information. Parent Participation hours will be credited. Thank you!

## Catholic Calendar

### Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

(1910 – 1997)

*September 5*

Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the tiny woman recognized throughout the world for her work among the poorest of the poor, was beatified October 19, 2003. Among those present were hundreds of Missionaries of Charity, the Order she founded in 1950 as a diocesan religious community. Today the congregation also includes contemplative sisters and brothers and an order of priests.

Born to Albanian parents in what is now Skopje, Macedonia (then part of the Ottoman Empire), Gonxha (Agnes) Bojaxhiu was the youngest of the three children who survived. For a time, the family lived comfortably, and her father's construction business thrived. But life changed overnight following his unexpected death.

During her years in public school Agnes participated in a Catholic sodality and showed a strong interest in the foreign missions. At age 18 she entered the Loreto Sisters of Dublin. It was 1928 when she said goodbye to her mother for the final time and made her way to a new land and a new life. The following year she was sent to the Loreto novitiate in Darjeeling, India. There she chose the name Teresa and prepared for a life of service. She was assigned to a high school for girls in Calcutta, where she taught history and geography to the daughters of the wealthy. But she could not escape the realities around her—the poverty, the suffering, the overwhelming numbers of destitute people.

In 1946, while riding a train to Darjeeling to make a retreat, Sister Teresa heard what she later explained as “a call within a call. The message was clear. I was to leave the convent and help the poor while living among them.” She also heard a call to give up her life with the Sisters of Loreto and, instead, to “follow Christ into the

slums to serve him among the poorest of the poor.”

After receiving permission to leave Loreto, establish a new religious community and undertake her new work, she took a nursing course for several months. She returned to Calcutta, where she lived in the slums and opened a school for poor children. Dressed in a white sari and sandals (the ordinary dress of an Indian woman) she soon began getting to know her neighbors—especially the poor and sick—and getting to know their needs through visits.

The work was exhausting, but she was not alone for long. Volunteers who came to join her in the work, some of them former students, became the core of the Missionaries of Charity. Other helped by donating food, clothing, supplies, the use of buildings. In 1952 the city of Calcutta gave Mother Teresa a former hostel, which became a home for the dying and the destitute. As the Order expanded, services were also offered to orphans, abandoned children, alcoholics, the aging and street people.

For the next four decades Mother Teresa worked tirelessly on behalf of the poor. Her love knew no bounds. Nor did her energy, as she crisscrossed the globe pleading for support and inviting others to see the face of Jesus in the poorest of the poor. In 1979 she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. On September 5, 1997, God called her home.

From [americancatholic.org](http://americancatholic.org)

## Prayer Corner

Please pray for:

- Pope Benedict XVI
- Bishop Barnes and Bishop del Riego
- Father Miguel, Father John, Father Luis, and Mrs. Laura Lopez
- Students, families, teachers and staff of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School
- Peace in our hearts, peace in our world



# What's Your Catholic I.Q.?

## This Week's Question

We call the part of the Mass  
when we stand up and express  
our belief in God

- a. Communion
- b. the collection
- c. Lamb of God
- d. the Profession of Faith

See next week's bulletin for the  
answer!