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# ST. JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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*A Nationally Recognized Blue Ribbon School*

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## “THANK YOU FOR 17 YEARS, FR. PAUL!”



*D*ear Friends,

Spring is in the air and the change in the season is not all that is new around our school and parish! After 17 years at SJV, Fr. Paul Henry leaves us to take on his new responsibilities as Rector at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe, which ministers to the many Catholic “pilgrims” in the tourist area of Lake Buena Vista. The 8th Grade planned a recent good-bye Mass using “the Good Shepherd” as a theme. The wonderful memories allow us to realize how much our friend and pastor, Fr. Paul, helped us through the ups and downs in our lives over these many years. We will miss you! We consider ourselves so very fortunate that Fr. Paul will be just 20 minutes away and has promised to visit us often. As they say: “The path to a friend’s house is never long!”

Our new Bishop, John Noonan, has appointed Fr. Miguel Gonzalez as Parochial Administrator to serve as our “pastor-to-be”. As many of you may remember, Fr. Miguel was a new priest when he came to St. John Vianney over 10 years ago and served here under the guidance of Fr. Paul. Even though Fr. Miguel has served the last 6 ½ years as Diocesan Director of Vocations, he has always been held close in our hearts. Having him return to us for more than “just a visit” is indeed a blessing. Welcome, Father Miguel!

Spring also signals new growth and, for our 8th Graders who just received the sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Noonan, the gifts of the Holy Spirit dwell within them to strengthen their faith on their journey through life. Preparation is on-going for the 2nd Graders who have been growing in their knowledge of Christ and who are excited as they look forward to receiving First Eucharist in early May.

Most importantly, as we begin the Lenten season, I look around and see the many projects and “good works” that are outward signs of our students’ and teachers’ commitment to bear witness to what it means to be Christ-centered people.

Friends, Parents, Grandparents, Alumni, Past Parents, teachers and staff -- I know you share my pride in our students’ accomplishments: Spelling Bees, Science Fair, Sports, the Arts, academic and outreach projects. Confidence is built, memories are made...way to go, students!

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for believing in Catholic education. On behalf of our entire school family, I wish you blessings on your personal journey during this Lenten season, assured that on Easter morning, the glory of the Risen Lord will shine upon you and your families.

Peace and all good,

*Sister Elizabeth Murphy, o.s.f.*





2nd Graders are excited to take their class canned food donation to the SJV St. Vincent de Paul pantry



Students hung hand-made hearts in the Rosary Garden as over 400 Grandparents arrived on campus



Diocesan Art Show Winners were honored at weekly Mass



Kindergartners pray in honor of Grandparents who were unable to be at Grandparents' Day



8th Graders and their sponsors enter church for Confirmation



Congratulations to the newest National Junior Honor Society members



The 17th Annual Auction  
Saturday, April 30, 2011

### ***SJVS Mission Statement***

*St. John Vianney Catholic School, a ministry of St. John Vianney parish, is a diverse community that challenges students to reach their full potential through a living faith in God. Within an innovative environment based on mutual respect and academic excellence, we inspire and empower our students by expanding their minds, fostering social responsibility, instilling Catholic values, and nourishing the soul.*



Winners receive their 1st & 2nd Place State Awards in the Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee Competition