



## SAINT JOHN FISHER PARISH

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Dear parishioners:

One of the ministries that affects the most people is our parish school. I call it a ministry because the school is more than an educational institution. Unlike the public schools and other private schools, its purpose is to form the children in the Catholic faith and prepare them for leadership in both society and the church. Since its founding in 1962, St. John Fisher Parish School has produced outstanding young men and women of faith, integrity, and scholarship in a community rich in service to others.

The students of St. John Fisher School participate in daily prayer and weekly and monthly Mass as part of the school's curriculum. They begin each day with prayer at the morning assembly. The assembly reinforces our identity as Catholics and fosters a sense of community among the students and faculty. The Student Council leads our morning assembly, which includes a Gospel reading, a prayer to St. John Fisher, a pledge to the cross, and a pledge of allegiance to the flag of our country.

Because the Peninsula School District is of top quality, our parish school has strived to provide excellence in education as well. The principals of Peninsula and Palos Verdes High Schools as well as Chadwick have told me how impressed they are with the high caliber of graduates from our school. Many of them have qualified for their honors programs. This year every student in the eighth grade was accepted into the private high school to which they applied—including 4 boys who were accepted into my alma mater, Loyola High School. In 2010 your school received the National Blue Ribbon of Excellence awarded by the U.S. Department of Education.

This coming year for the first time the school is offering a Transitional Kindergarten for children 4 years of age. Since this is new, I urge you to spread the word to parents who may not be aware of this opportunity for their 4-year-old child. If you would like more information about the school, feel free to go either to the parish office or the school office to get a prospectus.

I personally enjoy teaching Scripture to the 8th Grade every Tuesday. It gives me the opportunity to know them better. I am so impressed by their attentiveness and thirst for learning. I have confidence that many of them will be our future leaders in church and society and, I hope, future priests.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. David A. Sork  
Pastor