

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS ACADEMY

Bonitas Veritas Pulchritas

Onward to Holy Week

Dear Academy Parents,

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Our Lord is a hidden King and we are following Him to His throne on Calvary where ‘God reigns from the wood’. One time, a young man who was interested in the Catholic Faith approached me after a Mass on Passion Sunday and asked who was standing so still behind the life sized violet robes in the sanctuary. With Passiontide arriving on Sunday, we shall also see the statues and crucifix covered. This stunning scene recalls to mind the suffering Our Lord endured for us throughout His life, but supremely during His Passion.

As a school, our effort during Lent has been charity – especially in word. Here are a few words about striving to suffer graciously:

“Considerateness implies that you suffer graciously. Kind suffering is a form of kind deeds. If you need the help of grace to perform a kind deed, you are even more in need of grace to suffer kindly. One of the most attractive features of holiness is to combine suffering with gentleness. This demands that suffering be almost wholly influenced by supernatural grace.

What is more beautiful than considerateness for others when you yourself are unhappy? Such charity leaves a deep impression and makes others more gentle. On the other hand, it is very unkind to communicate your sadness to others. Sometimes you may have a sickly appetite for sympathy that will not let you keep your tiny sorrows to yourself.

Kind suffering will make you look at what others feel rather than at what you have to bear. You will see your own crosses on other people’s shoulders, and consequently you will be all the more kind to them. The saints were silent in suffering, because they knew that what they suffered was itself a suffering to those who loved them.

Make an effort to hide your pains and sorrows. But, while you do so, let them also urge you to be kind and cheerful to those around you. The very darkness within you should create a sunshine around you. In this way, the spirit of Jesus will take possession of your soul.”¹

Have a blessed Passiontide and be assured of my prayers!

In the Sorrowful Virgin,

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¹ Lovasik, Rev. Lawrence G., *The Hidden Power of Kindness* (Sophia Institute Press, 1962)), 108