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## CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

September 30, 2019

Dear St. Maria Goretti Catholic School Families,

Today our faculty and students came together for our **Faith Families** morning assembly! We discussed the virtue we will be studying during the month of October, **Studiosness**, and we discussed Saints.

We talked about:

- What is a saint?
- Some saints whose lives were great examples of the virtue of *Studiosness*
- Seven characteristics of saints
- St. Jerome (whose Feast Day is today)
- Can we all be a saint some day?

After the large group assembly, students moved into their small, Faith Family groups where their Faith Family leaders (teachers) further discussed *Saints*. Students learned more about the particular saint for which their Faith Family is named, watched a short video about that saint, and worked together to create a poster “shrine” of their Faith Family saint.

As we move through the month of October, students will be preparing to celebrate All Saints Day on November 1<sup>st</sup>. We will once again celebrate this Holy Day of Obligation with a procession of (student) angels and saints, a Living Saint Museum, and other grade-level projects celebrating the lives of saints. More information regarding how students will prepare and celebrate All Saints Day will be forthcoming from your students’ teachers.

The faculty and staff of St. Maria Goretti Catholic School will continue to do our best to teach our Catholic faith, to pray with your students, and to involve them in activities that will continue to form, build, and enrich our faith. It is our hope that as the primary educators of their children, parents will extend the faith formation that students experience at school by regularly attending Mass and observing the feast days of the saints. Talk with your students about the lives of the saints, the virtues they exemplified, and the virtues the saints struggled with in their lives. With your help, your children will continue to grow deeper in their Catholic faith and will be encouraged and formed to live virtuous lives, leading them to someday join all of the saints in heaven.

St. Maria Goretti, *Pray for Us!*

Blessings,

Mrs. Behee  
Principal