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From Fr. Jim . . .



Catholic Education: Because of this fund and other available financial aid to parish schools, other Catholic schools are also opening their doors to our children at St. Leo's. We strongly encourage parents to consider sending their children to a Catholic School. If you are interested and want help, please call our Pastoral Associate, Angela Anno, at our parish office and she can direct you to a school that can best benefit your child. One important benefit of having children in the Catholic school system is, if they are baptized catholic, they will be prepared to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. January 27 to February 1, last week, was Catholic Schools Week, in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Let us always keep our catholic schools in prayer. We pray in gratitude for the continued opportunities we receive for a Catholic education and for all the teachers, students, faculty, parents and benefactors that make this possible. May God continue to bless our Catholic Schools abundantly with peace, love, grace, knowledge and faith.

CMA - It is time once again for the Catholic Ministries Appeal. This is an annual appeal, on part of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. There are six specific areas of ministry in the Archdiocese that this fund supports: Campus, Hospital and Prison Ministries; Retirement for Archdiocesan Priests; St. Rita School for the Deaf; Catholic Charities of Southwest Ohio; Seminary and Vocations; New Evangelization. Many of you will be receiving information about this in the mail from the Archdiocese. I ask for your prayerful consideration of your support and offer you our deepest gratitude for whatever you can do. Many, many thanks.

Reflect on today's readings throughout the week: The prophet Jeremiah says: "Before you were born, I dedicated you. A prophet to the nations I appointed you." What is God calling you to do? For what purpose has God dedicated you?

St. Paul defines love as patient and kind. Where is this love most present for you today? Where is it lacking the most?

The people in Jesus' hometown are really upset by what Jesus is saying. They know him to be too ordinary, just like them, to be speaking with authority. They ask, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" What preconceptions do others have of you? Who is God calling you to be? What freedom is God giving you to be who he wants you to be?

Jesus ends up walking away from the angry crowd. Another Scripture passage says that one-time Jesus couldn't work any miracles because of the people's lack of faith. Are there areas of conflict or danger in your life where it is time to walk away?