



# ACADEMY OF THE HOLY FAMILY

# 150<sup>th</sup>

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2025

Dear AHF Families,

As we begin the new year, we do so with excitement as we continue our 150<sup>th</sup> year with another enriching semester with our students while ushering in a Jubilee year in our faith. This month holds particular significance as we prepare to observe Catholic Schools Week during the last week of the month. It is a national celebration that honors the vital role of Catholic education in our communities. This year's theme, "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community," beautifully exemplifies our mission of fostering academic excellence grounded in faith and community service, which is fully in alignment with the charism of the Sisters of Charity, of Our Lady, Mother of the Church. Now more than ever, it is crucial to celebrate the diverse and vibrant community we have within our school, which is enriched by our international students.

Accordingly, we look forward with great enthusiasm to celebrating International Day. This annual event showcases the beautiful mosaic of cultures represented in our school. Our students will have the opportunity to share their heritage through food, music, dance, and presentations highlighting their native countries, including the rich culture of the USA. It is an event that not only honors our diverse backgrounds, but also fosters understanding, respect, and global awareness among our students. This collaborative effort enhances our students' learning experience and strengthens the bonds that unite us as a community.

The AHF Advisory Board will be meeting soon to continue our mission of strategic planning for the continued growth and prosperity of the Academy. Our Legion of Mary student group will be busy this month traveling to the Youth Immaculata Conference in Texas and participating in the March for Life in Washington DC two weeks later, and our Environmental Club students will participate in two workshops. Coach Williams and our basketball team will be honing their skills on the court at the St. Michael Center, and Sr. Rafael is planning a special dinner theater for March. Stay tuned for all of the exciting details.

On a personal note, this is a milestone month and year for me. It was 45 years ago that I started teaching and 30 years ago when I first became a Catholic school administrator. I have been blessed throughout my career and continue to be blessed each and every day, and I couldn't be happier that God placed me here at the Academy of the Holy Family. In retrospect, I truly believe that every step of my career led to me being here with "the good Sisters" (as Bishop Emeritus Cote would affectionately refer to them!). Happy 2025, everyone!

*Henry Fiore, Jr.*  
Principal

## January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Happy New Year	2 Christmas Break	3 Christmas Break	4 Christmas Break
5 Residents return	6 Classes resume	7 Basketball Practice 3:30-5	8 Yearbook 4pm	9 Basketball Practice 3:30-5	10 Legion of Mary Trip to Texas Jan 10-13→	11 Environmental Club Skills workshop
12	13	14 Basketball Practice 3:30-5	15 Yearbook 4pm	16 Basketball Practice 3:30-5	17	18 Environmental Club Skills workshop
19	20 MLK Jr Day No School  Inauguration Day	21 Basketball Practice 3:30-5	22 Yearbook 4pm	23 March for Life Washington DC  Basketball Practice 3:30-5	24 March for Life Washington DC	25
26 Catholic Schools Week activities during Lunch	27	28 International Day  Basketball Practice 3:30-5	29 Yearbook 4pm	30 Basketball Practice 3:30-5	31	

**\*Please note: Drama Club rehearsals will be scheduled upon return from Christmas Break**



## Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

As the Universal Church looks toward the Jubilee Year 2025 (the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord), the USCCB is thrilled to support the Holy Father in this **"event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church."**

The Jubilee Year will offer the faithful opportunities to participate in various jubilee events at the Vatican and in their own dioceses. The great tradition of opening the Holy Door will begin when Pope Francis opens the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on December 24, 2024. Other holy doors will be opened at the Rome basilicas of St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major and St. Paul Outside the Walls. For pilgrims who cannot travel to Rome, bishops around the world are expected to designate their cathedrals or a popular Catholic shrine as special places of prayer for Holy Year pilgrims, offering opportunities for reconciliation, indulgences and other events intended to strengthen and revive faith. (USCCB)





## THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within both  
humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

*Franciscus*