Dear Friends,

One of my favorite podcasts to listen to is Carey Nieuwhof’s Leadership Podcast. Recently, his guest Gordon MacDonald, a Christian author and former pastor, shared 15 insights from his view from 80 years old. I found the whole conversation moving and worth sharing.

1. Put the people you value most into your calendar first.
2. Never stop learning and growing! If you want to do what you’re called to do, you need to keep growing.
3. Be more a priest and less a preacher to people. A preacher is a one-way conversation, but a priest is a dialogue. Be more like a priest to the people in your life.
4. The time will come when you will have to relinquish titles and privileges and slip into obscurity. Ultimately the obscurity of death. What kind of an old person do you want to be? Plan for it.
5. Prepare yourself for those occasions when you, like most people, will suffer, fail, fall into doubt, face conflict, and experience loss. Disappointments and doubts will come into your life. Sometimes Satan wins a battle, but he will never win the war.
6. Be trustworthy and dependable. Be a person who keeps his or her word. Don’t make promises you can’t keep. Your integrity relies upon it.
7. Be a spiritual mother or father to teachable people who may someday inherit your responsibilities. The next generation needs what you have to offer. Don’t withhold it.
8. Live modestly, stay free of debt. Be generous, develop a financial strategy for your future, and be wary of those who try to buy your favor.
9. Expect to reorder your internal life once every 7-10 years. Life goes through basic definitional changes in 10-year increments. The way you think about life will need to change with these things.
10. Receive compliments, criticism, and counsel with humility and appreciation. Avoid whining, complaining, self-pity. Assume that there is at least a grain of truth in the things critics say about you and your work. Always in a conversation, look for the grain of truth. Everybody has something God has planted in them for you.
11. Stay alert for the evils and temptations embedded in institutional life. Every relationship has its flaws. And good leadership is “assuming that there are flaws in this organization, and I must always be aware of when they might show themselves and what I as a leader would do to bring it under control.”
12. Be quick to say with sincerity, “Thank you.” “Well done.” “I’m sorry.” “I forgive you.” And, “How can I help?” These are the five inner core transactions in all relationships. None of them can be missing if you would like to have a healthy relationship. Always look for the thing you can find in another person that is worth praising.
13. Always maintain a relationship with one or two mentors who can aid you in hearing God’s voice. Over the course of a lifetime, aim to have had over 100 mentors that have left their wisdom with you.
14. Master the art of asking the penetrating questions that open someone’s heart. You know that you are asking penetrating questions when you get responses like: “Boy, you really ask good questions.” “Wow. Nobody’s ever asked me that before.” Or, “I’ve never thought about that.” When you get those kind of responses, this person is welcoming you to a place that’s near to their heart.
15. Retreat to the cross regularly. Express your appreciations. Name your sins. Pray for the world. Listen to God’s call to do things that are bigger than you. This point eclipses all other points on this list.

God bless,
Fr. Jeff Lorig
**FOCUS National Chaplain to Visit St. Joan of Arc**

Next weekend, October 17-18, Father Doug Grandon will be visiting SJA on behalf of Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS). Fr. Doug is a FOCUS National Chaplain and a priest of the Archdiocese of Denver. He became Catholic in 2003 after serving as a Protestant missionary and pastor for 25 years. In 2008, Pope Benedict granted Fr. Doug permission to be ordained a married Catholic priest. He holds a PhD in Historical Theology. FOCUS is a national organization serving college students on more than 172 campuses across the United States and five international locations. Almost 800 FOCUS missionaries on these campuses invite students into a relationship with Christ and His Church while equipping them for a lifetime of Catholic evangelization. Fr. Doug is excited to be with us and share the hope of the New Evangelization! To learn more, please visit [www.focus.org](http://www.focus.org).

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**SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism**  
Contact Fr. Lorig 3 months prior to baptism at 402-509-3909

**Marriage**  
Please call Fr. Lorig at least 9 months in advance for date and instruction information. Always verify priest and church availability before reserving reception venue.

**Penance**  
Saturdays, 4:00 - 4:50 pm.  
Anytime by appointment

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**Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration**

*All of our adoration hours have been filled!*  
Our goal is still to get two people at every hour. If someone can’t commit to the same hour weekly, they can be a substitute for a specific hour.

Anyone interested in being on a sub list or taking an hour with someone else should contact Rachel Burns, 402-658-8418 or burnsjims@cox.net

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**Mass/Confession Times**

**at St. Thomas More**

**Monday - Friday:** 7:00 am  
Saturdays: 8:00 am & 5:00 pm  
Sundays: 8:00 am & 10:30 am  
Confessions on Saturdays: 4-4:40 pm

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**Calendar of Events**

**Monday, October 12, 2020**  
- NO School for students and staff
- 7:00 pm KOC Officers Meeting

**Thursday, October 15, 2020**  
- 6:30 pm - RCIA and Alpha meet at St. Thomas More  
  4804 Grover Street
- 5:30 pm - Wedding Rehearsal at SJA

**Friday, October 16, 2020**  
- 2:00 pm - Francis House

**Saturday, October 17, 2020**  
- 2:00 pm — Sambalise/Pinto Wedding

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**Liturgical Ministers**

**October 17, 2020 and October 18, 2020**

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**500 Confraternity**

**October 11, 2020 - Kathleen Hughes**

The 500 Club provides funding for necessary or unexpected expenses associated with the parish and school needs. For a membership of $60/year, you are entered into 52 weekly drawings. Half of the money raised is used as prize winnings; the other half is for parish/school necessities. In the past, the 500 Club has paid for prizes for the St. Nick Art Contest winners, purchased computers for the teachers, paid for a mini-retreat speaker, purchased a computer and copier paper for the school, and helped with tuition for a needy family. The 500 Club has had as many as 150 members. We are now down to 80! Applications are in the Gathering Area. Questions? Call Jean Nauss at 402-391-1497. Become a member today!

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**Thank you from the SJA Men’s Club**

The Men’s Club thanks the entire St. Joan of Arc Family for participating in the sellout event by helping prepare the food and drive thru area, buying and selling raffle tickets, and, in general, supporting our 2020 “Drive Thru” SausageFest. Congratulations to our raffle winners: Elizabeth Healy, Megan Keenan, and Emily Barker.

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**SAINT JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**OMAHA, NEBRASKA**
St. Joan of Arc School Highlights

It seems as if every day I am receiving an update on the best ways to mitigate the coronavirus in a school setting. What I have recently been made aware of is that when all students are wearing masks during the day, for the most part, they will not need to quarantine even if a classmate in the same classroom tests positive. The new guidelines state that all student needs to isolate for fourteen days but the classmates can remain at school and self-monitor symptoms twice a day. These new guidelines prevent a lot of disruption for school families. The SJA School Staff continues to ask for everyone’s patience while we navigate through these changing guidelines. Please know that we want every child in the classroom all the time as long as it is done safely.

Kayleen Wallace
Principal

Some Dates to Remember

Monday, October 12th  - No School
Wednesday, October 21st  - End of the first quarter
Friday, October 23rd  - Report Cards are issued
Friday, October 30th  - Halloween Classroom Parties @ 2:00 pm
(More details coming later)

New Parishioners

St. Joan of Arc welcomes
the following new parishioners:
Robert and Julie Dailey

LADIES GUILD

As we embark on what will certainly be a challenging year, the Ladies Guild is committed to the health and safety of the parish. Although we are not meeting as a group yet, annual dues of $10 during these trying times is more important than ever. Not only does it help cover unexpected costs resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic, but it also helps St. Joan of Arc manage the costs of the parish and the education of each child. Your dues help provide textbooks and technology needed for learning, tuition assistance, and resources for any unexpected expenses for both the parish and the school. Your $10 can be mailed to the parish office or dropped in the Sunday collection basket. Please mark the envelope “Ladies Guild.” As the writer Max Lucado says, “No one can do everything, but everyone can do something.”

The Legion of Mary also has auxiliary members who say the rosary and Legion of Mary prayers every day instead of active work. If you are interested in joining the St. Thomas More Legion of Mary or for more info, please call Connie Johnson at 402-339-8253 or email her at rjohnson294@cox.net.

Come and Get the Makings for a Great Spaghetti Dinner!

St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church will be offering the makings for a traditional spaghetti dinner at home. Come and get the best Sicilian sauce and meatballs – just add your own pasta or make your own meatball sandwich! Curb side service in front of the church on Sunday October 18th from 12:30 pm until soldout. $5.00 for a quart of sauce and $10 for 8 meatballs.

Fr. Lorig sends out a weekly email to those who wish to stay connected beyond the bulletin. If you would like to be added to that list, just email him at jplorig@archomaha.org.

Mass Intentions

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*Students will use the entire section of pews to the right of center aisle.

Please remember those who are sick in our parish, and those we have been asked to pray for: Shirley Bardsley, Connie Wade, Ken Renkenberger, Anto Kinsley, Rose Romano, Maria Menjivar, Jerry Hogya, Georgia Golt, Bill Dineen, Steve Hamill. Bill Sladovnik, Grace Fasciannela, Sam Marchese, Roger Pedroza, Nadine Schmid, Andrew Ascheri, Maxine Kantor, Eileen Annin, Nadine Hansen, Bob Mercier, †Merlin McRoberts, †Theresa Holman

Catholic Cemeteries is hosting a workshop October 17th from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm, in the Calvary Cemetery Office at 78th & West Center Rd. This workshop will demonstrate how faith, Liturgy, and practical cemetery planning can assist you in the immediacy after death. Space is very limited due to COVID-19. Please RSVP with Deacon Jim Tardy at 402-391-3711 or email jtardy@catholiccem.com before October 15th.

Diaper Drive

SJA Ladies Guild is again sponsoring a diaper drive to benefit the families of the Omaha/Winnebago Indian Reservation. These people have next to nothing and jobs in the area are scarce. This has forced mothers to wash and reuse disposable diapers! We are collecting baby diapers and baby supplies (baby shampoo, diaper cream, baby lotion, etc.) No clothing or food, please. Other parishes are supplying those. The mothers especially need larger sized diapers (size 4-6) as there are fewer in a box. Won’t you help and spread the love of God to those less fortunate? There will be a large box in the Gathering Area to collect donations throughout October. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

HOPE Certificates can be purchased from the School Office. HyVee gift cards are still available as well as many other kinds of gift cards. Stock up now for supplies, food, clothes, and holiday gifts.

THE 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME