



DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL

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Hello all,

I'm sure you are familiar with the old adage: *Give a man a fish; he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish; he will eat for a lifetime.* Often, the phrase is used to rank the two types of charity. If we are being ungenerous, the phrase can be used to deny charity altogether. At Duchesne we participate in both types. Our first major work of charity is the Adopt-a-Family drive during Advent. This program fits squarely in the “give a man a fish” type of charity. We recognize that Christmas can be a mentally and emotionally difficult time for those families who cannot provide gifts for their loved ones. The goal of the Adopt-a-Family program is to ease that burden (if only for a day).

During Lent, our charitable giving easily fits within the “teach a man to fish” model. Each Lent we strive to raise \$5,000 to purchase an “Ark” through Heifer International. The “Ark” is not literal, nor do we strive to purchase, “Of all kinds of birds, of all kinds of beasts, and of all kinds of creeping things, two of each.” Instead, the “Ark” is used as a symbol and a goal to raise enough money to purchase a variety of animals. According to Heifer International’s website, the gift “Ark” includes: “two water buffalo, two cows, two sheep, and two goats, along with bees, chicks, rabbits and more.”

The donation, however, doesn’t just include the livestock. If it did, we would still be in the “give a man a fish” framework. In addition to the livestock, our donation to Heifer International includes education. Communities are gifted animals that are best suited to each community’s environment. And then communities are taught how to sustainably farm the animals and derive income from those farmed resources. Finally, communities that are given animals are also required to give as a gift the first babies of the animals they were given. To use another adage, they pay the charity forward.

The faculty has pledged over \$1,000 leaving under \$4,000 for our students to cover. At our Ash Wednesday Mass, I encouraged students who give up tangible items during Lent to think about donating the money they save through their fasting to Heifer. If they do, we shouldn’t have any trouble reaching our goal. We will also have numerous fundraising opportunities during Mission Week.

Pax,

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Upcoming Events

March 3

Half Day/End of Quarter: The end of the 3rd quarter is March 3rd. We will dismiss at 12:05 that day. Teachers will be in their rooms from 12:00-3:00 to assist with end of the quarter concerns.

March 2-4

The Little Mermaid: Our Spring musical is *The Little Mermaid*. The show begins each night at 7:00. Come join us "Under the Sea."

March 6-10

Mission Week: Our students have planned a variety of activities leading up to our Mission Week Pep Rally on the 10th.

March 6

All School Mass: We will have our ACA Mass to kick off Mission Week. As usual, all of our families are invited to attend.

March 13-17

Spring Break

