

Good Shepherd, 300-350 AD, marble sculpture; Catacombs of Domitilla, Rome



**"I KNOW
MY SHEEP,
AND MINE
KNOW ME."
JN 10:14**



**NATIVITY OF OUR LORD | APRIL 30, 2023
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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MASS TIMES

MONDAY-FRIDAY

7:00 am
9:30 am (livestreamed)

WEDNESDAY SCHOOL MASS

8:15 am

SATURDAY

9:30 am

VIGIL MASS

4:30 pm

SUNDAY

7:30 am
9:30 am
11:30 am
5:00 pm

CONFESSION

THURSDAY:

5:00-6:00 pm

SATURDAY

8:00-9:30 am

3:00-4:30 pm

SUNDAY

30 min before Masses

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

9:30 am † Souls in Purgatory
by Alma Cordova
4:30 pm Nicholas Cole & Family
by Ken & Mary Ann Cole

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

7:30 am † Lucia Musumeci
by Faith Alive Team
9:30 am People of the Parish
11:30 am † Dean Twaddle
by Janet Carpenter
5:00 pm Jett Thomas Rizzo
by Gary & Sally Thomas

MONDAY, MAY 1

7:00 am † Christopher James Vogel
by John Richards
9:30 am † Thomas Fattor
by Sue Klemoff

TUESDAY, MAY 2

7:00 am Thanh Le Birthday Blessings
by Thu Van
9:30 am Jane Gardner Birthday
Blessings

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

7:00 am Yates Craig Birthday Blessings
by Mom & Dad
9:30 am † Dean Hamel
by Bernie Kathleen Vahling

THURSDAY, MAY 4

7:00 am Willy Smith Birthday Blessings
by Mom
9:30 am † Ricky Driscoll
by Nativity Staff

FRIDAY, MAY 5

7:00 am Tim Hudson by His Son
9:30 am † Luz de Sola

SATURDAY, MAY 6

9:30 am † Khuyen Hudson by Her Son
4:30 pm † Tillie Chavez by Family

SUNDAY, MAY 7

7:30 am Missionary Sisters of St. Charles
Borromeo by Carol Sullivan
9:30 am People of the Parish
11:30 am † Alyssa Calvino
by Nativity Faculty & Staff
5:00 pm † Thomas Fattor
by Joe & Carol Dankey

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

† John Flood
† Robert Rodriguez
† Giuseppe Cerrone
† Ron Bergier
† Joe Blossom

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them!

PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

8:00 am | CL
11:00 am | Parishioners' Rosary
11:00 am | RCIA
12:30 pm | Families of St. John Paul II
6:00 pm | GS High School

MONDAY, MAY 1

10:00 am | ENDOW
3:15 pm | Chess Club
6:30 pm | Biblical School
6:30 pm | New Springtime Prayer Group
6:30 pm | Spanish Prayer Group
6:45 pm | St. Joseph Men's Prayer Group

TUESDAY, MAY 2

10:00 am | CGS 3 Tues Level I Sess 1
1:00 pm | Adult Bible Study
4:00 pm | CGS 4 Tues Level I Sess 2
6:30 pm | Venturers
7:30 pm | CLU/CL University Students

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

5:30 am | St. Joseph Men's Prayer Group
8:15 am | ENDOW
9:30 am | TOFF
1:00 pm | *Jesus & Jewish Roots of Mary*
5:30 pm | Knights of Columbus Meeting
6:15 pm | Boy Scouts Tr. 766
6:15 pm | Divorce Support Group

THURSDAY, MAY 4

6:30 pm | *Jesus & Jewish Roots of Mary*
7:30 pm | CL

FRIDAY, MAY 5

7:30 am | Men of Emmaus
9:00 am | ENDOW
1:00 pm | Great Adventure Bible Study CL
6:00 pm | American Heritage Girls

SATURDAY, MAY 6

8:00 am | CL
8:00 am | Marian Cenacle
8:50 am | Pro Life Rosary



SAVE THE DATE:
THURSDAY-SUNDAY
AUGUST 10-13

SACRISTY LAUNDRY
Nicki Battista

COLLECTION COUNTERS
Mon, May 1 | 10:00 am

Ron Riedl
Vickie Villegas
Cathy Suppes
Susan Martinez

Community events registration link: www.nool.us/upcoming-events



NEW DIRECTOR OF SACRED MUSIC AT NATIVITY



Dear Parishioner,

I would like to announce to you, on behalf of our Pastor and all the clergy, that we have hired the new Director of Sacred Music for our Parish. He will begin working on Tuesday, July 11. You can find his bio below. We look forward to having him here as a member of our staff, so that through him the Liturgical Music in our Parish may continue to thrive. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the singers, players, and choir leaders –Amanda Setlik and Alex Sierra of our music ministry– for their faithful and diligent service, particularly during the past months. I would like particularly to thank Elizabeth Leger, who coordinated the choirs in this period, and Charles Nolen, director of Sacred Music at the Seminary in Denver and consultant of the Archdiocese, for his precious guidance and support during the hiring process. Our gratitude goes to Our Blessed Mother, St. Cecilia, and St. Gregory, to whom we have trustfully raised our prayers during the hiring process. **I ask you to keep Mr. Proulx and all our music ministry in your prayers.**

Fr. Emanuele

Frederick D. Proulx, III

Mr. Frederick D. Proulx, III, has over 13 years of experience working in church music ministry, having most recently served over seven years as Director of Sacred Music and Worship at The Catholic Community of Hopewell Valley in central NJ, a Tri-Parish family of churches. In addition to being an accomplished organist and conductor, Frederick received his undergraduate in Music and Vocal Performance from Emmanuel College in Boston.

Frederick and his family are looking forward to joining the Nativity community! Moving from NJ, he is accompanied by his wife, Jane, and four beautiful children: Natalia (10), Frederick (8), Kateri (5), and Evangeline (2 months).



Regina caeli

Regina caeli is a Marian antiphon said or sung in place of the *Angelus* during Eastertide (from Easter Sunday through Pentecost). While the *Angelus* remembers the Angel Gabriel's message to Mary and her Fiat to God's plan for salvation, the *Regina caeli* celebrates that 'yes' through which the Redeemer entered the world and subsequently rose from the dead. After the immense sorrow of the Mother of God at witnessing the suffering and death of her Son, this prayer acknowledges her joy at His rising from the dead.

The author of *Regina caeli* is unknown. The antiphon has been traced back to the 12th or 13th century and is found in an antiphonary of c. 1200 at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. The earliest melodies of sacred hymns and antiphons were set, however, in the second half of the eighth century for Gregorian chant, a form of monophonic, unaccompanied sacred song in Latin and occasionally in Greek.

Since the 16th century *Regina caeli* has often been provided with polyphonic settings. During Easter Masses, Nativity choral singers performed *Regina caeli* in a polyphonic a capella setting written by Gregor Aichinger (1565–1628), a German composer of religious music during the late Renaissance and early Baroque. Enjoy the beautiful *Regina caeli* performance by Schola Cantorum del Santuario di Rho, with Gregorian setting transitioning to the polyphonic style rendered by Gregor Aichinger:

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Regina caeli, laetare, Alleluia.
Quia quem meruisti portare, Alleluia.
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, Alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, Alleluia.

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia.
For He whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia.
Has risen, as He said, Alleluia.
Pray for us to God, Alleluia.

DAILY READINGS

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena,
Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Reading 1: Acts 9:31-42

Psalm: 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17

Gospel: Jn 6:60-69

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

Reading 1: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm: 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6

Reading 2: 1 Pt 2:20b-25

Gospel: Jn 10:1-10

MONDAY, MAY 1

Reading 1: Acts 11:1-18

Psalm: 42:2-3; 43:3, 4

Gospel: Jn 10:11-18

TUESDAY, MAY 2

Memorial of Saint Athanasius,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Reading 1: Acts 11:19-26

Psalm: 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7

Gospel: Jn 10:22-30

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

Feast of Saints Philip
and James, Apostles

Reading 1: 1 Cor 15:1-8

Psalm: 19:2-3, 4-5

Gospel: Jn 14:6-14

THURSDAY, MAY 4

Reading 1: Acts 13:13-25

Psalm: 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27

Gospel: Jn 13:16-20

FRIDAY, MAY 5

Reading 1: Acts 13:26-33

Psalm: 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab

Gospel: Jn 14:1-6

SATURDAY, MAY 6

Reading 1: Acts 13:44-52

Psalm: 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

Gospel: Jn 14:7-14

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US IN MAY

MONDAY-FRIDAY

AFTER 7 AM & 9:30 MASS

SATURDAY, 8:50 AM

SUNDAY, 11 AM

May is traditionally dedicated in a special way to honoring and seeking the intercession of Mary as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church. Special times of prayer are being offered and all are encouraged to add the Rosary into their daily routine. Come, pray the Rosary with us!



GIVE TODAY!

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35). Your sacrifice will affirm your desire to make Jesus Christ known to others. Please visit www.archden.org/givetoday or call 303-867-0614 to give to the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal.



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CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL: SPECIAL COLLECTION, APRIL 29-30, 2023

There is a special Catholic Home Missions Appeal Collection this weekend. We are giving to this collection as part of our tithe, but if you would like to give an additional amount to this giving opportunity, you will find the envelopes in the church gathering area. If you wish to give online, please follow the link below.

What Is a Home Mission Diocese?

Home mission dioceses are those Catholic dioceses in the United States, its territories, and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass, sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and lay people. Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered home missions.

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NATIVITY WIDOW'S MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023, 12:00 PM

Please check in at the front desk! Bring a sack lunch; we will eat at noon. The theme of this month is ideas for further meetings. In the last 30 minutes, we will play a game. If you have any questions, please call Mary Baylie at (303) 466-1125.



STEWARDSHIP

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Recently you may have received an email from Pushpay inviting you to look at your giving for the first quarter of the year. This is a great opportunity to check on your contributions to see if anything may be missing and to check on your progress toward your contribution goal for the year. Whether you made a pledge of treasure during our Season of Stewardship Renewal or not, you most likely have an idea of how much you will give to the church this year. I encourage you to use this opportunity to compare your actual giving with your plan. If it is just as expected: Thank you. If not, don't fret, start fresh today.

FAMILIES of JP II — HALF-DAY TOGETHER SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023



During our "Half-Days Together," all the families meet with their children, the priests, and the sisters for a Sunday afternoon. We have lunch, singing, and some games. Then, while the kids have a moment with high school volunteers and some of the sisters, the adults have a talk with the priests.

Once a year, each small group shares a few days of vacation, usually during the summer, accompanied by the sisters and/or one of the priests. Prayer together, hikes, singing, good food, and nice conversations are the core of our proposal.

If this is something you may be interested in, please fill out the interest form on the parish website, and we will be in touch with you soon!

WWW.NOOL.US/FAMILIES-OF-JPII





June 5-9, 2023
MIDDLE SCHOOL
 SUMMER VACATION

YMCA of the Rockies
 Snow Mountain Ranch
 Granby, CO
Cost: \$550
 Open to anyone
 entering grades **6-9** in the fall of 2023
 MORE INFORMATION: [WWW.NOOL.US/MIDDLE-SCHOOL](http://www.nool.us/middle-school)

REGISTER

FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

*May the favor of the Lord our God be ours.
 Prosper the work of our hands!*

Psalms: 90:17

On May 1, we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. Tradition says St. Joseph made his living as a carpenter. In Greek he was known as a “tekton” or craftsman or artisan. As a skilled laborer it is possible that St. Joseph could have also acted as a day laborer. Herod the Great was known for his building projects. Sepphoris was a Roman town located about 3.1 miles from Nazareth. It had been the site of an anti-Roman uprising, but Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, wanted to rebuild the city and reinforce it to protect it from future attacks. Paved roads would have also been expanded. It is speculation, but perhaps St. Joseph could have also worked with a team of men to restore this city? (See articles on St. Joseph's work as well as Sepphoris by Mike Aquilina and Grant Piper.)

There is dignity in work, whether paid or unpaid. From manufacturing cleanrooms to the world of marketing and public relations, from high-tech jobs, to healthcare, medicine and caregiving, finance and business, agriculture and fishing, transportation, building and construction, education and teaching, to the clergy and ministry. The variety of work is vast. Whatever our vocation, we can use our talents wisely and offer our labor as a prayer.

For more formation on the work of the St. Vincent de Paul society, check out our Nativity chapter at

FLOCKNOTE.COM/SVDP.

Totus Tuus
 SUMMER CATECHETICAL EXPERIENCE

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www.nool.us/totus-tuus

GRADES 1-6 | JUNE 26-30, 9 AM-2:30 PM
GRADES 7-12 | JUNE 25-29, 7-9 PM

Totus Tuus (Latin for “Totally Yours”) is a summer youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through catechesis, Christian witness, and a ton of fun!

SAMARITAN HOUSE DONATIONS AT NATIVITY

Samaritan House Community in Denver focuses primarily on serving women, families, and veterans who are seeking safe shelter, nutritious food, and supportive life services. There is an URGENT NEED of the following:

- all hygiene items (preferred small or travel sizes of soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, lip balm, and body lotion)
- feminine hygiene products
- bath and hand towels
- new women’s underwear (larger sizes)
- new women’s bras (all sizes)
- warm clothing (sweatshirts, sweat pants, coats for men, women, and children all sizes)
- shoes (boots, shower)

Please bring the NEW items to the parish office and they will be delivered by one of our SH weekly volunteers.

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ANTICIPATING THE
TIME OF FREEDOM:

VACATION

2023

"ON VACATION ONE IS **FREE.**" "ONE'S FAITHFULNESS TO PRAYER, THE TRUTH OF ONE'S RELATIONSHIPS, ONE'S SELF-DEDICATION, ENTHUSIASM, HUMBLE APPROACH TO REALITY, EMOTIONAL INVOLVEMENT, AND COMPASSION TOWARD THINGS, ALL THIS IS MUCH MORE EVIDENT DURING VACATION THAN DURING THE YEAR."

FR. LUIGI GIUSSANI,
JUNE 5, 1964

MIDDLE SCHOOL VACATION:
JUNE 5-9, 2023

GS HIGH SCHOOL VACATION:
JUNE 19-23, 2023

TOTUS TUUS (GRADES 7-12):
JUNE 25-29, 2023 | EVENINGS

TOTUS TUUS (GRADES 1-6):
JUNE 26-30, 2023 | MORNINGS

JP II FAMILIES VACATIONS:
7 WEEKENDS
JUNE THROUGH AUGUST

CL FAMILY VACATION:
JUNE 30-JULY 4, 2023



"Vacation should be as free as possible. The criterion of vacation time is to have some breathing room and, if possible, room for breathing deeply."



"WHAT DOES ONE GAIN BY LIVING LIKE THIS? GRATUITOUSNESS, AND HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS THAT ARE PURE."



WHAT DOES ONE GAIN BY LIVING LIKE THIS?



"WERE NOT OUR HEARTS BURNING WITHIN US WHILE HE SPOKE TO US ON THE WAY AND OPENED THE SCRIPTURES TO US?" LUKE 24:32

"VACATION TIME IS THE NOBLEST TIME OF THE YEAR, BECAUSE IT IS THE MOMENT WHEN ONE BECOMES AS INVOLVED AS HE LIKES IN THE VALUE HE RECOGNIZES AS DOMINANT FOR HIS LIFE."



"Vacation is important. First of all, it demands attention in the choice of companions and place, but above all it concerns the way one lives: if vacation never reminds you of what you should remember more often, if it doesn't make you better toward others, but makes you respond more to instinct than to reason, if it doesn't teach you to look at nature with profound intention, if it doesn't make you make sacrifices joyfully, then your time of rest has not achieved its purpose."



The vacation period is approaching. This is not a detachment from oneself, but an opportunity to go even deeper into what one lives. For it is there, during time off, that one understands what one really wants.



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2023-2024 ENROLLMENT IS OPEN!

Priority for admission to Nativity School is based on the following criteria:

Siblings of current Nativity students

Nativity parishioners who have been registered and active in the parish's stewardship program for at least six months

Registered, active members of other Catholic parishes

Non-affiliated Catholics

Non-Catholics

Students enrolling in middle school must present their most recent report cards, standardized test scores, a recommendation from a teacher and/or principal, and be interviewed by our principal before registration is finalized.

All registered Kindergarten students will be assessed for readiness before registration is finalized.

From the School Newsletter, April 21, 2023

Dear Nativity Families,

We are wrapping up a busy week here. On Tuesday, our 5th graders went on a field trip to Young AmeriTowne and simulated what it is like to run businesses, balance budgets, and operate a town. We also had the talent show that morning and had around 30 of our students share their incredible talent with the school. On Wednesday, our 4th graders took a trip to the Colorado History Museum which complemented their current history curriculum with an interactive learning experience.

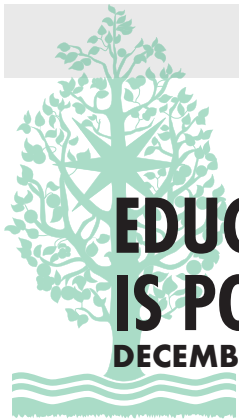
As our communication this week expressed, we continue to be blown away by the quick support of our community to make necessary security upgrades. We have been able to achieve two crucial updates to our building and are on our final push to fund a new alarm system. Thank you for your generosity in making this school safer and more secure for your children. You can drop a check off at school or donate online to help us continue this important work.

The school and church are still in the Easter season and this is a moment for us to invite the resurrected Christ into our hearts. Sometimes, we can focus on preparing well during lent, but then do not celebrate well. Lent is 40 days of penance, but Easter should be a 50 day celebration. Continue to feast and celebrate the joy of our faith this season.

Sebastian Calvino, Principal



**"LET THE CHILDREN
COME TO ME,
AND DO NOT
PREVENT THEM;
FOR THE KINGDOM
OF HEAVEN
BELONGS TO
SUCH AS THESE."
MATTHEW 19:14**



PART 2
**EDUCATION
IS POSSIBLE**
DECEMBER 2022

FRATERNITY
OF ST. CHARLES

THE STRENGTH OF A COMPANIONSHIP THAT EDUCATES US

To educate means to help children build their own relationships with reality: a testimony from Fr. Stefano, a teacher in Fuenlabrada, Spain

I have been in mission for about seven years in Fuenlabarada, near Madrid, where I arrived when I was still a deacon. Now, beyond helping out at our parish, I am the chaplain and a religion teacher at a school with about eight hundred students. When parishioners hear me speak about my work at school, since I teach middle and high school kids, I often hear them say, “You poor thing! That’s the most difficult age,” or, “It must be difficult with all those adolescents.” Actually, my experience is different. I am beyond happy to spend so much time with the kids and to be able to educate them, or at least to try. The observations made about adolescents are almost always true: they do their own thing, are instinctive, reactive, and many have addictions of various types. But they also have a quality that tends to be reduced with age: they are transparent. One understands easily if they are happy or not. When they are passionate about something, they don’t hold back but dedicate time and energy without keeping anything in reserve. I’ll give some examples by telling about some of my students, using invented names for discretion.

Silvia

One day, I saw Silvia in the cafeteria. She seemed very sad, so I went up to her to have lunch together. She said that she was fed up. She seemed to be nearly exhausted because she didn’t understand the point of studying so much in order to go to college, work, start a family, retire, and finally die. After lunch, I spoke about her with the teachers and all of them told me that the girl had been carrying this problem for a long time. I asked myself what went on in the heart of a sixteen-year-old girl with friends, a family, who does well in school to be so disappointed with life. **Then I understood that her discomfort is actually the expression of the greatness of her heart, and the hearts of all the kids. Even if they don’t lack anything, they often don’t have a horizon, a criteria with which they can put all the pieces of their life in order.** The criteria that they look for, however, can’t simply be explained. It seems to me that any type of speech – a beautiful text that I could give them, an excellent piece of advice – is not what they need in the first place.

What they need is a home, a place that can help them rediscover their certainty, and a communion to which they can belong.

I invited her to the radius and from that day she hasn’t missed a single one. Every once in a while, when we bump into each other in the hallway, she even smiles. Then I tell her, “You see, life doesn’t suck.” “Stop it!,” she always answers. But she laughs!

Rocio

Rocio arrived at my school this year. One day, he wrote me a letter that helped me to better understand how important it is to have a place, a companionship that educates us.

Often, when my biggest desires are fulfilled, I’m happy at the beginning but then a feeling of dissatisfaction remains with me, as if I had a need of something more. And the bigger the desire, the more I feel that something is missing. Before coming here, for example, I didn’t have what I wanted most – a great and true friendship – and I settled for small things. Now I see that with the friendships that I have, I’m not satisfied with any old thing. When one looks for small or only material things, it’s easy to believe that it’s not possible to be truly happy. But if you meet what I’ve met, then you begin to understand that your heart will never rest until it finds that which is infinitely great. I ask myself: why are we made this way? It’s annoying to know that I can’t fully enjoy the small things because they refer us to that which is great.

Discovering that not just anything is adequate for a beautiful and great life is a fundamental step in growing up. On the other hand, this life is possible only if one has in front of him people who are certain, that know where to go, otherwise our desires turn into tyrannies and can drag us towards that which destroys life instead of building it.

Lucas

Lucas is a character. He’s the typical boy that always tries to be noticed and acts like a clown. Over time, he has become a victim of that mask that he has made for himself and everyone treats him as a fool. For four years now, to end the school year, we have organized a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela. It’s a demanding proposal: 170 km in six days, carrying your backpack on your shoulders, waking up early, silence, prayer, singing, daily Mass. It also offers many opportunities to be simple, to help each other when someone is tired, or, more simply, when someone doesn’t know how to do the laundry.

[...] One day, while walking, Lucas developed several large blisters that made the journey particularly painful for him. We took turns carrying his backpack and during the breaks helped him to take care of his feet. That afternoon, we celebrated the Mass as usual and Lucas, who never goes to church, asked if during the Prayer of the Faithful it would also be possible to give thanks. After the Mass, we talked about how the day had gone and if we had discovered something new. **He said that it seemed like he didn’t understand life: how was it possible that there were people who cared for him so much? He confessed to us that he was thinking that maybe Jesus exists after all because he sees how Christians live.** He even said that the pilgrimage is a lot like how life should be: a group of friends who walk together



towards a destination. That might have been the only time that I heard Lucas say something that wasn't completely stupid: a new consciousness had entered him.

Now I understand better what it means to say that to educate is to introduce someone to the totality of reality. It means helping to discover that a good Father exists, that there is a Destiny towards which we are walking and that makes itself close to us precisely because there is a companionship that He wanted to build. In this way, every step of the journey already has the taste of the destination.

CONCLUSIONS

The experience of these years has helped me understand many things about the young people that we meet today in the schools, at least in Spain where I live. The kids often are afraid, are full of uncertainties about themselves (because of the image that others have of them or their own identity) and the future, whether because they don't have the hope of meeting something which makes life worth living and that lasts forever, or because they don't have a clear horizon in life. [...] I'll conclude quoting one last time a student that one day wrote to me:

I met the Lord. With Him everything is made new: even studying is more attractive. One time at the radius, we commented on this phrase: "Nothing exists that makes man surrender more than feeling himself discovered and completely understood at the same time." This is becoming clear for me in

the companionship of some good friends. Let's face it: they're not normal, but with them I rediscover His tenderness and His embrace. I ask myself: "Why me? Why did we receive this gift?"

When I see a kid of our times who rediscovers enthusiasm and gratitude for life, for his life, and begins to act so that others can know the source of this gratitude, then I understand that education is possible.

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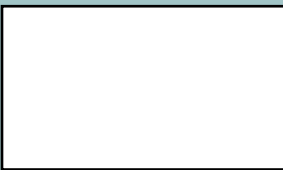
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