

Dear People of God,

This past Wednesday we once again witnessed a senseless and deadly attack at a school, this time an elementary Catholic school during the celebration of a year-opening school Mass. Let us pray for the two young children killed and that all those injured at Annunciation School's Mass will be fully healed both physically and spiritually by the grace of our loving God. Let's also pray for all those affected both by this horrific event and all the others which now stretch back several decades. We may believe that prayer is ineffectual; however, as Bishop Hebda said Wednesday evening, in this Year of Hope, hope remains our greatest link to the love of God and his power to intervene where we cannot. Let's also keep in mind the words Jesus taught us: *forgive us as we forgive others* and pray both for the young person who felt it necessary to undertake the tragic events of Wednesday morning and for all those troubled in mind and spirit who contemplate similar acts.

I have given thought to the propensity of those troubled in mind and spirit to imitate. Two particularly relevant concerns at Immaculate Conception are how to prevent those not related to the school from entering the church for Mass and how to provide safe passage on the block-long trek our young people must make to get to the church.


Thus, I have made the decision to celebrate the school Mass this next Tuesday in the school. As pastor I can to some extent make the church safe, but I cannot do that along the streets the students must traverse to get to Mass. I apologize to anyone who might have wanted to attend the Mass in church; however, the lives and safety of our children must be a primary concern of us all.

Principal John Hargen and I will discuss moving forward and whether to return to school Mass in the church. Should we decide that for the sake of precaution, the Tuesday school Masses will continue to be in the school, I will arrange the schedule to include a weekly Mass at Immaculate Conception on another weekday. I thank you all for your shared concern over this most serious matter and ask that you place your trust in God to resolve the numerous issues which have led to the tragic headlines we have far too often witnessed.

I have already heard voices being raised about the young perpetrator's gender identity; I remind you that each person is a child of God, a child who is as beautiful in God's eyes as any of us. Let us not rashly make assumptions, cast blame or in any way make connections we are in no position to make. Rather, let us open ourselves to the challenging social environment which we have created and undertake to restore family values which have for millennia been the mainstay of a stable and healthy society.

May the souls of all the departed in this sad moment rest in peace, held in the embrace of a God who loves us in spite of ourselves.

Msgr. Chris



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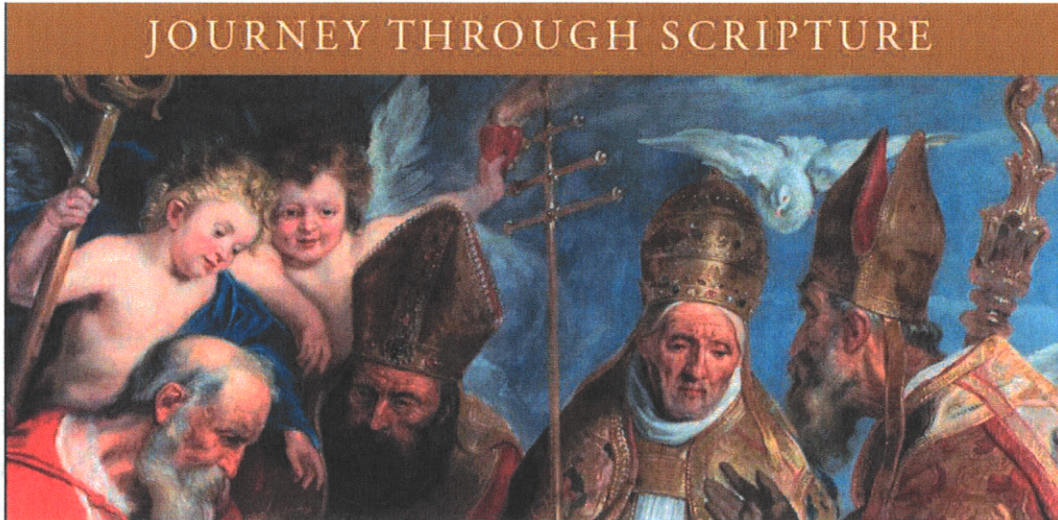
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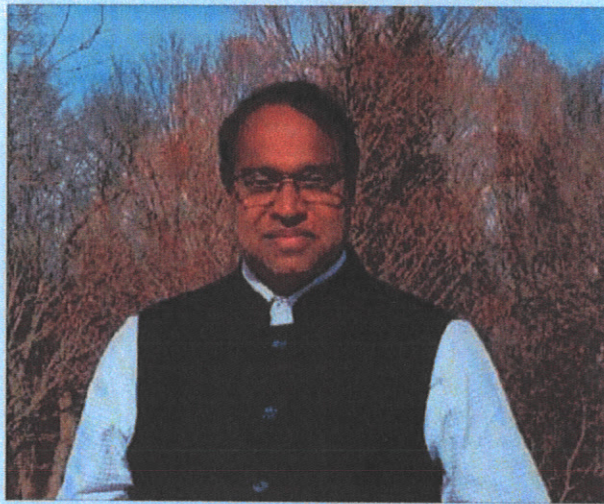
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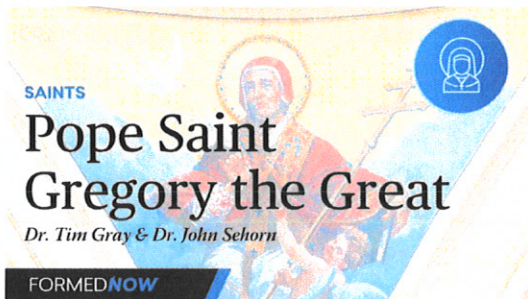
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