



Father Barron on the new Disney film *Cinderella*:

I have received many reports from colleagues and friends about how exceptional the new Disney film *Cinderella* is. I have even heard that some have found it very Christian. However, I didn't realize how Christian this film, and the original folk tale, is until I watched Father Barron explain all the symbolism in a recent *Word on Fire* YouTube video. The link to this video is found below. Based upon this video, watching this film with small group discussion following would make a wonderful youth ministry event or a powerful religious education evening for families. A sample of how this could work on a Saturday afternoon could be:

- meet in the parish hall before proceeding to the movie and showcase Father Barron's YouTube video on the movie
- proceed to the theater and watch the film
- return to the parish and have a discussion about the Christian message in the film and ways we can incorporate it into our lives today
- finish the session by inviting people to stay for the Saturday Vigil Mass (if applicable in your area)

Link to Father Barron's video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?t=19&v=qwCl_xcF4nA

Overview of Learning Differences:

Many of our catechists and youth ministry volunteers do not have an education background. Even those who do work in education fields sometimes do not possess the additional formation needed to identify nuances in individual learning differences. Attached to this e-newsletter is an excellent article by Sr. Lou Ella Hickman giving a brief overview of learning characteristics we may encounter in religious formation and youth ministry settings. Below you will also find additional resources if you would like to explore these topics with greater depth.

Resources Books

- Samantha Abeel, *My Thirteenth Winter: A Memoir*. Scholastic, 2005.
- Anne Henderson, *Dyslexia, Dyscalculia and Mathematics: A Practical Guide*. Routledge, 2 ed. 2012.
- Ronit Bird, *The Dyscalculia Resources Book: Games and Puzzles for ages 7-14*. SAGE Publications, 2011.
- Virginia Berninger, Ph.D. & Beverly Wolf, M.Ed., *Teaching Students with Dyslexia and Dysgraphia: Lessons from Teaching and Science*. Brookes Publishing, 2009.

The Internet

- Closing the Gap - www.closingthegap.com/solutions/search/ Adolescent and Adult SPD Checklist - www.sensory-processing-disorder.com/adult-SPD-checklist.html
- The Teacher Source PBS learning disabilities Learning Disabilities Association - www.pbslearningmedia.org
- National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities - www.kidsource.com/NICHCY
- National Center for Learning Disabilities, Inc. - www.nclld.org
- Dyspraxia Foundation - www.dyspraxiausa.org
- National Association for Child Development - www.nacd.org

God Bless Our Graduates – Quotes Used by Andrea Harper from Sacred Heart parish in Woodbine:

Andrea came across some of the quotes she has used for Graduation Mass talks and thought you may be interested in them for upcoming graduation festivities sponsored by your parish community. They are listed below. She is also interested in knowing if any of you have experience with international missions. She would love to hear about your experiences and how she would volunteer. Any assistance is helpful.

“We must know that we have been created for greater things not just to go for diplomas and degrees, this work and that work. We have been created in order to love and be loved.”

–Mother Teresa

“The objective of our life is the kingdom of God, but we should carefully ask what we should aim for. If we do not look very carefully into this we will wear ourselves out in useless strivings. For those who travel without a marked road, there is the toil of the journey and no arrival at a destination.”

–St. John Cassian

What Should Twenty-First Century Catholics Look Like?

1. Men and women with a firm belief in Jesus and a willingness to share His mission in the world.
2. Men and women of prayer, integrity and generosity of spirit.
3. Men and women concerned for justice for all segments of society.
4. Men and women who live the forgiveness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
5. Men and women concerned for the poor, the sick, the disabled, the elderly, the disenfranchised, the unborn and the weak.
6. Men and women of peace.
7. Men and women outstanding in their allegiance to and their work with the poor.
8. Men and women assuming the responsibility for vibrant parish communities, exceptional Catholic schools, and parish-wide catechesis.
9. Men and women generous with their God-given talents for the benefit of the Kingdom here and hereafter.
10. Men and women striving for perfection in the Lord and leading others to eternal salvation.

–Rev. Thomas J. Donaghy

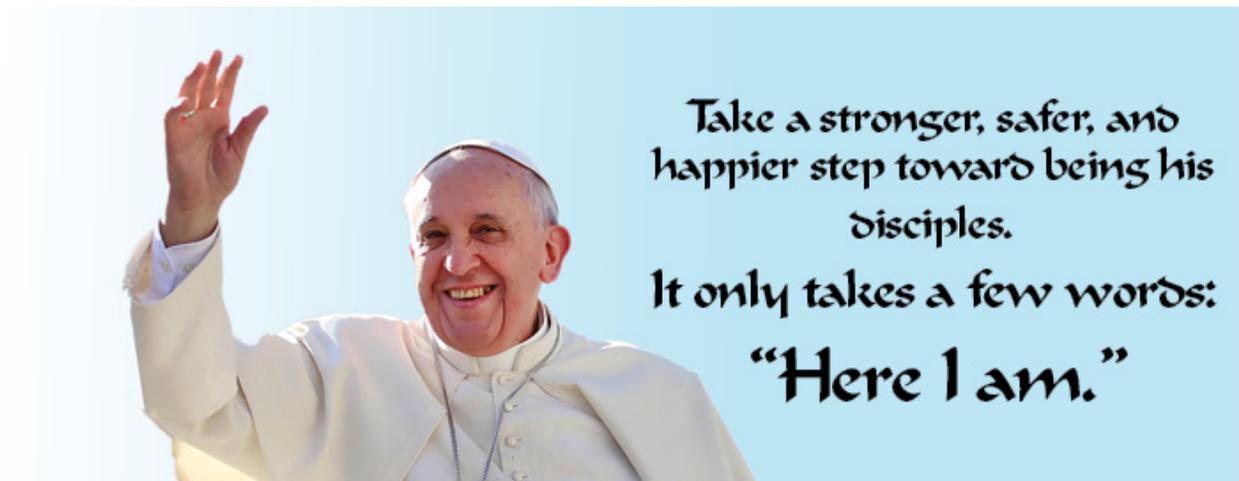
Human Trafficking Day of Reflection & Action:

A presentation on our Catholic commitment to social justice will be held on April 18 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm will be held at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart parish in Ankeny. A light lunch will be provided. A flyer is attached to this e-mail. Please RSVP to Randy Henderson at randy@olih.org.

Rite of Blessing of the Oil of Chrism:

And so, Father, by the power of your love,
make this mixture of oil and perfume
a sign and source + of your blessing.
Pour out the gifts of your Holy Spirit
on our brothers and sisters who will be anointed with it.
Let the splendor of holiness shine on the world
from every place and thing signed with this oil.

Above all, Father, we pray
that through the sign of your anointing
you will grant increase to your Church
until it reaches the eternal glory
where you, Father, will be the all in all,
together with Christ your Son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.
Amen



Trusted curated sites for this newsletter include:

- Word on Fire Ministries – www.wordonfire.org
- National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) – www.ncea.org
- Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church – www.olih.org