

WE ARE ALL
"NAMED, CALLED,
CHOSEN".

From the Saints:

"Because you are young is reason enough for me to love you."

-St. John Bosco



**IMPORTANT
DATES IN
JANUARY**

**Solemnity of
the Blessed
Virgin Mary,
Mother of God** 1

**Solemnity of
the Epiphany of
the Lord** 2

**Feast of the
Baptism of the
Lord** 9

**Memorial of St.
Francis de Sales** 24

**Memorial of St.
Thomas Aquinas** 28

**Memorial of St.
John Bosco** 31

From the Chaplain's Office

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And he said to them, "Follow me..."

Consider the picture inserted in the middle of this article. There in a boat are two fishermen going about their day, hoping for a bountiful catch and doing what they believe is their lifework: fishing. Suddenly Jesus is calling out to them: "Follow me", he says.

Now consider this. Jesus is calling out to you! Only you are not on a fishing boat. You are stepping out the front door, ready to get in your car and go to school and live out your vocation as a Catholic educator. Jesus' call to us is a reminder to follow him, whatever it is we're doing as educators in order to bring both curriculum and the Good News to our kids.

What will your reaction be? The

Gospel of Matthew makes it clear that Simon (Peter), and his brother Andrew both "immediately" dropped what they were doing and went to



follow Jesus, as did James and his brother John whom Jesus calls after Peter and Andrew.

Are you ready to drop everything and follow Jesus? Think

about this question in the context of your daily plans. If your plans don't include Jesus in some way, are you ready to drop them "immediately" and plan your day around the Gospel message? This is after all the core of our mission as Catholic educators in a Catholic school board. We are **defined** by the call coming from the Son of the Living God.

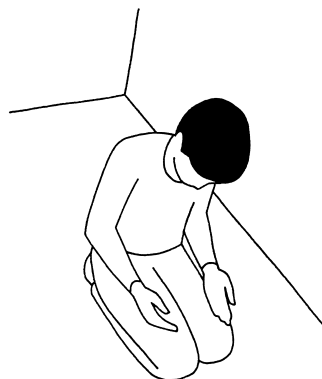
So let us go then and follow him, Jesus, the ultimate gift to humanity, the gift of a loving and compassionate God who manifested himself in the flesh in order to make us fully aware of how precious we are in his eyes. Let us remind our students how precious they are in God's eyes and ours, as we all strive to walk the footsteps of Jesus. Amen.

Daily Prayer: a resolution worth keeping

St. Teresa of Avila famously described the soul as an *interior castle* made up of seven dwelling places. The first of the dwelling places could be accessed only by prayer and meditation.

This beautiful set of metaphors for the soul communicates the necessity for interior communication with God.

To truly come to understand



ourselves we need to enter our own interior castle and discover what it is that God wants us to do with our daily lives, both inside and outside of the classroom.

How about daily prayer as a new year's resolution? Just a few minutes everyday, wherever you are, will help you to better know God and know yourself!