

WE ARE ALL  
"NAMED, CALLED,  
CHOSEN".

From the Saints:

"If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all."

-St. Paul

Romans 12:18



IMPORTANT  
DATES IN  
JUNE

- Solemnity of the Ascension 2
- Memorial of St. Charles Lwanga and his companions 3
- Solemnity of Pentecost 12
- Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity 19
- Memorial of St. Aloysius Gonzaga 21
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- Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles 29

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## Lessons Taught and Lessons Learned

There's no mistaking the beginning and end of the year in a teacher's life. For educators, it is September, not January that marks a new year, just as it is June, and not December, that marks its closing. And with the closing of a year we instinctively reflect on the past months and the impact we may or may not have made on the kids in our care. But the reflection does not end there.

Important questions we as educators can ask of ourselves include "How much have we learned over the past year? Where am I in my faith-journey, not just as a Catholic educator, but as a human being? Am I being faithful to my vocation?"

When we pause at the end of the school year and think about the successes and challenges that we

encounter in our calling what are the lessons we carry away with us? Do they involve some sort



of deeper "God-experience" that enriches our faith-life? Have you reflected long enough to see God in action in the everyday routine of your school day?

Why not take some time this summer to first acknowledge God's presence in your life, then consider the effect of living a life secure in the knowledge that you are being taken care of by the author who first began to write your story?

A year is coming to a close, and, after a brief respite, a new year will begin once more. What are the lessons taught that will stay with you that confirm your vocation as a Catholic educator? More importantly, what lessons have you learned that dispel your insecurities, wash away your iniquities, and cleanse you from your own fears and anxieties?

*"I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also."*

John 13:3

## How does one truly "rest"?

"Be still and know that I am God!" That's the proclamation of Psalm 46:10, an intense invitation to contemplation. But how often in life does the opportunity to "be still" arise?

As we head into summer holidays it's important to take a little time for ourselves, apart from vacation planning, taking the kids swimming, maintaining the garden, and so on, to really rest and contemplate the meaning of God in our lives. Is it not a little illogi-

cal, if not downright insane, to expect as a Catholic to be able to expend energy without drawing energy and being renewed from the source of all of life itself?

Take a minimum of 20 minutes for yourself. Read Scripture. Close your eyes and meditate. And simply *be*. That is where you will truly find rest, in that present moment of stillness. It is also the only place you can and will find God.

