

MISSION MATTERS

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Student Edition

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"If you want to walk fast, walk alone. But if you want to walk far, walk together."

Kenyan Proverb

CATHOLIC Q&A

What is the true meaning of Christmas?

click <u>here</u> to hear more

INTERFAITH CALENDAR

click here for more information

12/06: St. Nicholas Day - Christian

12/08: Bodhi Day - Buddhism

12/08: Immaculate Conception - Catholic

Christian

12/12: Our Lady of Guadalupe - Christian 12/16: Posadas Navidenas begins - Hispanic

Christian

12/18: Hanukkah begins - Judaism

12/25: Christmas - Christian

12/26: Zarathosht - Zoroastrian

12/26: Hanukkah ends - Judaism

12/30: Holy Family - Christian



HOLIDAY SEASON HIGHLIGHTS!

What is the real meaning of Christmas? Click <u>here</u> to learn more



Chanukah/Hanukkah began on December 18 and ends on December 26. Click <u>here</u> to learn more.



Kwanzaa is an African American and Pan-African holiday which celebrates family, community and culture. It begins December 26, 2022 and ends on January 1, 2023. Click *here* to learn more.



Come to the annual Blessing of Brains to help prepare for finals. Monday, December 12 3PM Library lobby, FREE PIZZA & MORE!!



10 WAYS TO AVOID MISTAKES

from beliefnet.com

Just because you made a mistake or an unwise decision doesn't mean your life is over. Learn from it and grow through the experience. These tips can help...

<u>Examine the Situation:</u> Take time to examine the situation. Understand why this was a mistake or a bad decision in the first place. Try to discover and find the soft spot that needs maturing.

Where's Your Peace? Where there is wisdom there is peace. One way to avoid repeating the same mistake is to follow your peace.

<u>Best-vs-Good</u>: Don't settle for what's good and miss out on God's best for your life. We've all done it but learn to stick to your standards and don't let up for anyone.

<u>Added Value:</u> A good way to pull wisdom from your decisions is to find the people and situations that add value to your life. Anything that does not, feel free to cut it loose.

<u>Is It True?</u> The truth sets us free in more ways than one. When it's lacking, it is a great indicator that something is wrong. Lies create unnecessary bondage, but truth in the end makes our lives more joyful.

<u>Avoiding What's Right:</u> Steer clear of any decision or situation that violates your values. Giving-in always leaves you feeling empty. Stand for what's right even if you're standing alone.

<u>Procrastinating:</u> Once you've chosen a better path than the one you were going down, don't delay.

Procrastination only drags out the emotional process and postpones the healing time.

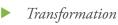
<u>Learning to Say "No":</u> A lot of mistakes and poor decisions can be avoided if we exercise our right to say "no." Give it a try...it gets easier with time.

<u>Flag on the Play:</u> Take heed to the warnings and red flags that come up in the beginning. Wisdom is always cautious when something just isn't right.

<u>Drama Free:</u> Avoiding chaos will steer you along a peaceful path. We're not flawless but we can turn our darkest hour into our finest by learning and changing from our experience. Click <u>here</u> to read more.

OUR CORE VALUES -

Solidarity with People in Need







Respect for Human Dignity



Justice and Peace

2022-2023 Focus

PUTTING COMPASSION INTO ACTION!

Tell Congress: Pass the Children's Safe Welcome Act!

In 2018, the world watched in horror as U.S. immigration officials ripped children away from their families at our Southern border. Although family separation quickly made national headlines, the inhumane practice continued, and the world moved on. Now, we finally have the chance to act on behalf of migrant children.

The Children's Safe Welcome Act, which is currently making its way through Congress, would establish protections for migrant children who arrive at our borders. This bill would re-imagine what immigration policy looks like in our country, increasing minimum health and safety standards for children, prohibiting family detention facilities, guaranteeing legal representation for unaccompanied children, creating a process for keeping families together, and so much more.

These children need protection from our cruel, inhumane immigration system. We must bring communities together to fight on their behalf.

Sign the petition today. Let's raise our voices in unison and demand that Congress prioritize the health, safety, and well-being of immigrant children. We need the Children Safe Welcome Act.

Click here to learn more and sign the petition.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM AROUND THE WORLD!





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