

†Dear QOA Families,

Today the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, celebrate our Founder's Day. Our community began in 1845 in Monroe, Michigan, by Louis Florent Gillet, a Redemptorist missionary, who searched for sisters to teach his people. He could not find any and so he started a Sisterhood of his own. On November 10, 1845, Father Gillet welcomed three women, who became the first sisters to begin a community based on the spirit of St. Alphonsus Liguori. In 1858, St. John Neumann asked the sisters to come and teach in Pennsylvania. Today approximately 600 Sisters make up the Immaculata branch of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, who currently staff schools in the states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia, Georgia, Florida, and in Peru, South America. The IHM Sisters work in schools as well as in pastoral, hospital, and prison ministries, parenting programs, counseling, literacy instruction, adult spirituality programs, care of the sick, retreat work, and campus ministry. In their lives and in their work, they offer Praise, Love, and Thanksgiving as they carry out the Gospel message of Jesus, the Redeemer, to "Go and teach all nations." Please pray a *Hail Mary* in hopes that the Lord will send more vocations to our IHM congregation.

Tomorrow we will have our celebration Mass and reception to honor our Veterans. At our practice on Tuesday, I reminded the children of how important it is to love our country. I explained that we know we are not perfect, but that we must be proud that we are the land of the free. This liberty we know was achieved at a great price; for many, it cost them their lives to give us the freedoms we so often take for granted. Having served for seven happy years with military families in Virginia Beach, I saw firsthand the sacrifices wives/husbands and children make as their loved one was deployed or he/she received orders for yet another move.

When I received a new assignment from Virginia Beach, one of the Navy officers said, "Oh, Sister, I hear you got orders. We know all about that." His statement made me think, "Wow, it sounds like the military also has a vow of obedience."



If you are able to attend tomorrow's 9 a.m. Mass to honor our veterans, you are most welcome. If you are a veteran, you will be invited to walk in the procession, if not, please sit in the pews on the Sacred Heart side because the student body will be seated on the Holy Family side. We have a student honor guard and the children's singing will make you burst with pride for our

United States of America. If your child is a girl or boy scout, please have him/her wear their scout uniform on Friday as these students will form the honor guard. God's special blessings to our Veterans and their families! **God bless America!**

In Mary's Immaculate Heart, I am,  
*Sister Mary*

P.S. Due tomorrow, 11/11/22, last call for Halloween candy donations for Camilla Hall Nursing Home.

### ***Good News and Congratulations!***

- ❖ Luca Nardone, grade 8, played in the CYO Region 11 All-Star soccer game and received the sportsmanship award.
- ❖ St. David/OLHC varsity boys soccer team won first place in its division. JV boys' soccer team won 1<sup>st</sup> place in its division and then went on to win the championship for its regional league.
- ❖ St. David/OLHC JV girls took second place in the regional championship soccer game.
- ❖ *Special thanks to all our CYO coaches for your time and hard work to benefit our champions!*

