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Principal's Thoughts

The Jubilee Year of Hope has begun! Many celebrations and pilgrimages will take place in Rome this year, here is a link to the official website in case you are planning a trip or want to keep updated:

<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>.

A beautiful logo has been designed and is attached below. Four figures were chosen to represent each end of the world, symbolizing all of humanity. They embrace each other to show solidarity and connection among all people. The lead figure holds the cross, a sign of our faith which also represents hope. There are waves under the figures, symbolizing the fact that life does not always go smoothly and often the circumstances of daily life and events in the world require a greater call to hope.

The lower part of the cross is elongated and turns into the shape of an anchor. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon the 'anchor of hope' refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency situations to stabilize the ship during storms. This image further illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking but rather as something communal, leading one closer to the cross. Notice that the cross bends down towards the figures, to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope. Finally, at the bottom of the logo is the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year: *Peregrinantes in Spem* (Pilgrims in hope).



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~ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.~ Romans 15:13

Education in Virtue

Sincerity: Trustfulness in words and actions; honesty and enthusiasm toward others.

Looks like:

- Pay attention when others are speaking.
- Speak and act honestly.
- Say what you mean; build trust by your words and actions.



- **Looking for 3 Year-Olds**
 - Preschool enrollment is currently underway. We especially need 3 year-olds! Please spread the word. Applications can be found on our website.
- **Children's Liturgy-All are Welcome**
 - The 3rd grade children will be hosting the Children's Liturgy, this Sunday January 12th at 9am.
 - All families are encouraged to attend and children will receive a non-uniform dress pass for being present.
- **You are Invited**
 - The 7th grade will be leading us in reflection and prayer for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Service. We would love to have you join us at 1:30pm in the church on Thursday, January 16th.
- **Calendar Alert**
 - Next Friday, January 17th all staff in the Diocese will be attending the Elementary Staff Day Conference. The school will be closed. Enjoy your 4-day weekend!

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• Everyone Deserves a Chance to Fly!

- Auditions and rehearsals are underway and we are excited to showcase the wonderful talent of our children!
- Please join us for our Annual Talent Show on January 24th in the church at 6:00pm.



We pray for those who have died and those who mourn their passing: Roger Lacroix, paternal grandfather of Louise (3rd.) May they feel our love and know God's presence. *"Let perpetual light shine upon him Oh Lord. May he rest in peace."*

	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
1/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prospective Kinder Parent Night 7pm – Kindergarten Classroom
1/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Talent Show Auditions 3:15-4:00 - Church
1/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:15 Mass 6th Grade Formal
1/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work Party 9am-11am
1/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baptism of the Lord Lk <u>3:15-16, 21-22</u>• Children's Liturgy 9am - 3rd Grade is Hosting. All are Encouraged to Attend.
1/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$2.00 Non-Uniform Dress Day or Spirit Wear• Talent Show Rehearsal 3:15pm – 5:30pm in the Church• PACE Meeting 6:30pm – Cauchi Hall
1/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Service 1:30pm
1/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No School – Elementary Staff Day

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- Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – No School

St. Agnes School Mission Statement

St. Agnes School, in partnership with the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Oakland educate children in the Catholic faith and nurture their minds, bodies, and souls, inspiring them to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ, achieve their highest academic and creative potential, and actively serve and enrich the community.